

Hopes dim for Standard landfill; county waste plan threatened

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BY ED LEPOMA

Trans-American will continue to operate the county rubbish site at Standard until May 9, but hope is dimming for breaking an impasse that would allow Hancock County's Solid Waste plan to go forward.

A shaky truce was reached after Les Fillingame, who represents Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre and serves as Chairman of the district, reprimanded the five-member Hancock County School Board for allowing "a handful of oppo-

nents" to turn controversy over a county landfill into a political issue.

Fillingame said if the School District can't be convinced to sell the remaining land needed at Standard, "It will lead to the total, complete collapse of the solid waste plan in this county."

"And, I would hope that the School District will want to relieve themselves of the upheaval they are going to cause," he said.

Fillingame said the School District's decision would have

a greater effect on people who live in the cities of Bay St. Louis and Waveland, "who they do not even represent."

Fillingame and District 3 Supervisor Lisa Cowand, who represents the Board of Supervisors on the Solid Waste District, also exchanged words over who shares the blame for the current crisis.

"Quit pointing your finger at me," said Cowand. She claimed Fillingame was in some way "insinuating" that supervisors

leaned on some school board members to turn down the land

sale request, since supervisors started looking for land in the buffer zone around Stennis shortly after taking office last January.

"You dropped the ball," Cowand charged. She said she found it hard to believe that the Solid Waste District would go through the expense of getting a landfill designed and permitted by all the required agencies without holding title to the remaining land it needed.

Fillingame called an emergency meeting of the District

Friday afternoon to discuss contingency plans after Hancock County School Board members voted unanimously 5-0 not to sell county supervisors the remaining Section 16 land it needs at Standard to operate a temporary landfill and rubbish site.

After rejecting the sale, however, the board members said they would still like to "open dialogue" among themselves, supervisors and the three-member solid waste agency.

LANDFILL--3A

Yours of Hope is having its annual candlelight vigil tonight at 7:30 p.m. Bay St. Louis City Park.

Students' representatives from each school (public and private), including home schooling from one city and county, are asked to attend.

Bay St. Louis and county families will send messages on murals that are circulating now throughout the schools to service personnel in Bosnia and the families of the victims the bombing in Oklahoma.

Everyone is invited to attend and requested to bring a candle and a friend.

Story hour

"Feather Friends" will be the theme of the children's story hour at the Kiln Library Tuesday, April 30, at 10:30 a.m.

Henny Penny, The Ugly Duckling and Angus and the Ducks are books to be featured. Children will receive a color sheet and refreshments.

"Adventures" will be the theme of the children's story hour at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library Wednesday, May 1, at 10:30 a.m.

How I Spent My Summer Vacation, No More Water in the Tub and Carnival are books to be read. Children will see a video, a finger play and receive refreshments.

Weekly story hours are held September through May. Programs last approximately one hour.

The Kiln Library hosts a story hour every other Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. The programs last approximately 30 minutes and refreshments are served.

Programs and activities are designed for pre-school age children three to five years old who are not part of a nursery or pre-school group.

Youth facility costly

BY ED LEPOMA

Supervisors who thought they found the perfect site for a juvenile detention facility in Hancock County got a jolt this week from the architect hired to look over the place.

Mike Reeves estimates it will cost anywhere from \$450,000 to \$751,000 to convert the annex to the Hancock County Courthouse, and, at the most, it could house only 10 juveniles.

Reeves was hired by supervisors for a set fee of \$500 to look over the facility, which once held juveniles, and now houses several county agencies, including Civil Defense.

At a workshop session Thursday, he delivered the disappointing news to supervisors, who were hoping a \$110,000 state grant would cover most of the cost of converting the building.

Reeves said he based his cost and renovation estimates on standards set by the American Correctional Association, which dictates design space required for small juvenile detention facilities.

He said the annex and the attached two-story jail would require complete replacement of the existing electrical and plumbing systems, and extensive demolition of brick and concrete walls.

"For the costs involved in renovation of this facility and the fact that it may house only up to 10 juveniles, it does not seem feasible to progress with this solution," said Reeves.

Supervisors seemed dumbfounded by the cost estimates, recalling that District 4 Supervisor Steve Seymour told Reeves, "We don't need no Taj Mahal," when Reeves was hired to make the preliminary survey.

They are under a June 30 deadline to show some progress in finding a temporary or

FACILITY--10A

Preliminary work done on Pass post office site

BY TRACI BONNEY

Pass Christian is one step closer to having a new post office.

Contractors hired by the U.S. Postal Service excavated a disintegrating storage tank Thursday from the proposed site for the new post office building. The three-acre site is at the intersection of Davis Avenue and East Railroad, northeast of the new county health building on Davis.

Rimmer Covington, owner of Covington and Associates in Pass Christian, was hired by the city as an environmental consultant to oversee the tank removal. With him was environmental technician Scott McLain, who collected and field tested soil samples.

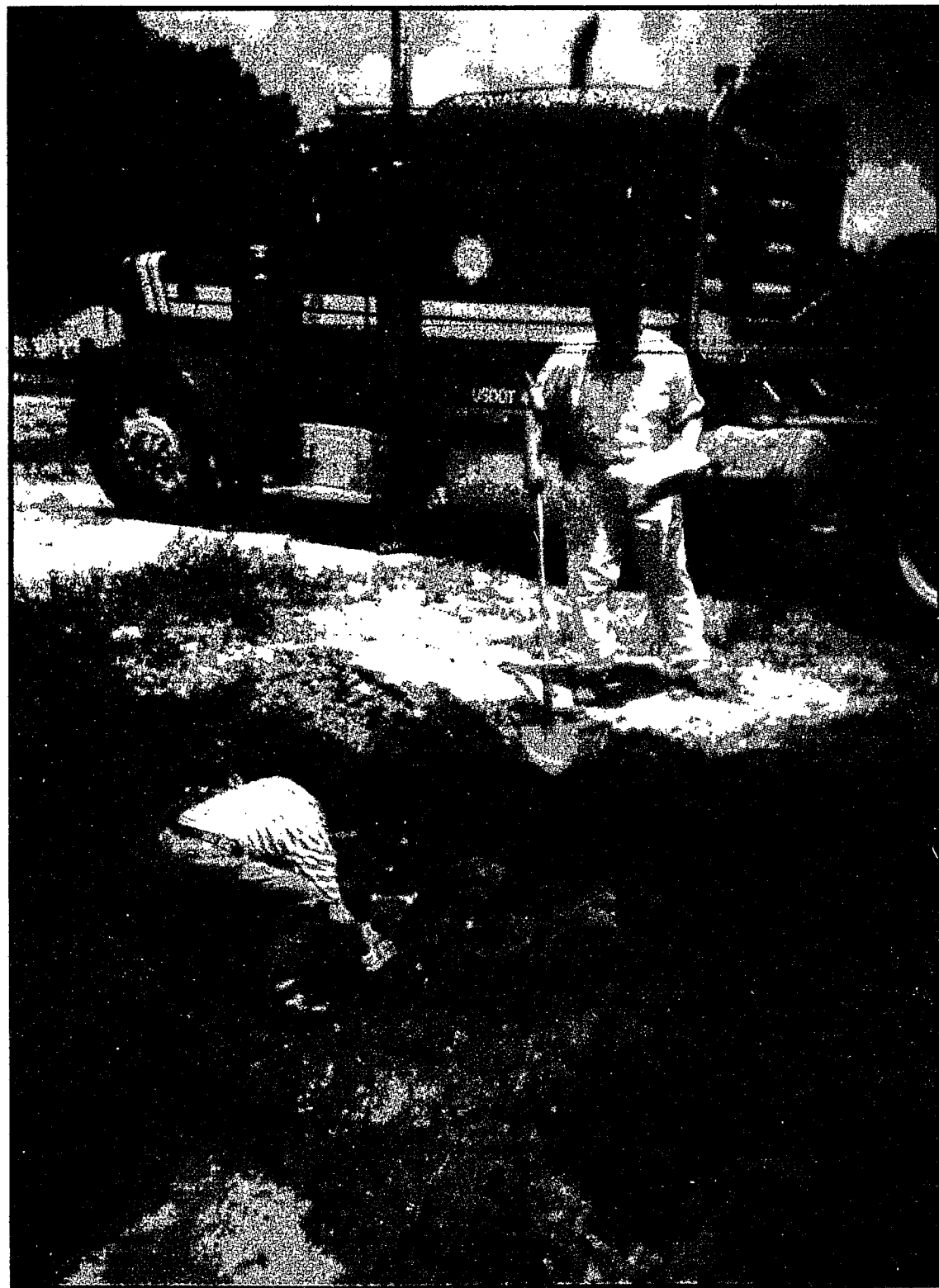
Covington said, "We think what we're finding here is connected with the old Standard Oil Company rail spur, which used to cut diagonally across this property. We don't know, though, how long the tank has been in the ground or what it was used for."

"It was discovered as an anomaly in the readings when the Postal Service did magnetic testing on the site several months ago. When we lifted it out of the ground a few minutes ago, it just fell apart, it was so old and rusted," he added.

Covington said his company uses the Hanby method of sample testing, in which soil samples are combined with chemical agents designed to detect the presence of different types and levels of petroleum products in the soil.

"We've found traces of petroleum," he stated, "but the levels are low and localized. The contractors will be able to go ahead and fill the hole we've dug with clean (chemical-free) backfill dirt this afternoon."

CLOSER--10A



Environmental technician Scott McLain (left) and Rimmer Covington, owner of Covington and Associates in Pass Christian, take soil samples from where an old storage tank was excavated Thursday from the site of a new post office in Pass Christian. (Echo staff photo by Traci Bonney)

Governor Fordice signs board compensation bill

BY TRACI BONNEY

Governor Kirk Fordice recently signed a bill to give school board trustees a pay increase.

Now, the Justice Department must approve the law after determining whether or not it is in compliance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

The law allows school board members to choose either a \$2,400 salary or a per diem of \$67 for up to 36 meetings each year. The per diem option would give members \$12 more

per year than the salary option, if the members attend 36 meetings.

If approved, the law will go into effect July 1. School board members must make a choice at that time, and cannot change their decision at any point during their board service. The same applies to new school board members, who must make the decision at the beginning of their term.

The law prohibits school board members from being eligible for state employee group

insurance, retirement or other fringe benefits. However, it does reimburse them for mileage and expenses to attend school board meetings, mandatory training sessions, and regional and national education meetings, as long as the local school board authorizes the expenses beforehand.

At present, school board members in Mississippi receive \$40 a meeting for 36 meetings, and no compensation for any meetings beyond that limit.

"Most school board mem-

bers lose money doing this under the present compensation level," said Cheryl Bennett, president of the Hancock County School Board and a director on the board of the Mississippi School Boards Association. "We're not in this for the money to start with, but we do end up often taking time away from our jobs and money out of our pockets to attend state-mandated training and seminars."

She added, "This new law is a major accomplishment. It

shows the state legislature and governor have taken notice that school board members are as important as any other elected official in the state, and that school board members have a major responsibility.

"While the pay increase won't completely compensate board members, it will help those who have to take money out of their own pockets and time without pay away from work to fulfill the mandates that are passed on to us by the state."

OBITUARIES

NORBERT M. BRUNE
ELIZABETH W. BURSE
CATHERINE L. CHAPMAN—McFAULL
ELLSWORTH COLLINS
ROBERT E. EVANS, SR.
MARY E. FAUCETTA
REV. LEROY GRAHAM
JOHN MATUSZEWSKI
RUSSELL PAIGE SR.
LOUIS DANIEL SMITH
JOY WESNER

NORBERT M. BRUNE
Norbert M. "Mike" Brune, 76, of Bay St. Louis, died Monday, April 22, 1996, in Bay St. Louis. Mr. Brune was a native of New Orleans. He was an Army veteran of World War II, a retired security guard with NASA and a carpenter. He had been a resident of the Coast for 40 years.

Survivors include a step-daughter, Linda Sandoz of Bay St. Louis; three stepsons, Terry Favre of Logan, Kan., Jerry Favre of Bay St. Louis and E. J. Favre of Waveland; a daughter, Barbara Haylock of New Orleans; a brother, Floyd Brune of Pass Christian; and many grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted Friday at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Burial was in Cedar Rest Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

The family prefers memorials to the American Diabetes Association.

ELIZABETH W. BURSE
Mrs. Elizabeth Willis "Bessie" Burse, 68, of Pearlinton, died Tuesday, April 23, 1996, in Gulfport. Mrs. Burse was a native of Kiln and a homemaker. She was a member of St. Mark AME Church in Waveland. She served as church secretary, director of the Young People Department, organized the Young Adult Choir in the Pearlinton community, was Sunday school superintendent and missionary president for the Elizabeth Willis Burse Women's Missionary Society. She was a member of the Eastern Star and the Household of Ruth No. 1217.

Survivors include her husband, Harrie Burse of Pearlinton; three sons, Grady Willis, Phillip Willis, both of Waveland, and Floyd Willis of San Diego, Calif.; six daughters, Elizabeth Benoir, Demetria Ambrose, Imogene McNeely, all of Waveland, Virginia Willis of Killeen, Texas, Ella Smith of Slidell, La., the Rev. Armitise Clemons of Gulfport; a foster child, Charlie Jones of Gulfport; two sisters, Lillian Rogers of Pearlinton and the Rev. Ruby Shumake of Gulfport; a brother, Irvin Rogers of Pearlinton; 30 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be 10 to 11 a.m. Monday at St. Mark AME in Waveland. Services will follow at noon at Greater Mount Zion AMC in Pearlinton. Burial will be in Lindsey Cemetery in Logtown. Baylous Funeral Home in Picayune is in charge of arrangements.

CATHERINE L. CHAPMAN—McFAULL
Mrs. Catherine L. Chapman-McFaull of Diamondhead died Friday, April 26, 1996, in Diamondhead.

Mrs. McFaull was a native of New York, NY, and was a member of St. Clare's Parish in Waveland. She was a retired school teacher, past president of the Diamondhead Garden Club, Sandy Shores Garden Club in Mandeville and River Ridge Garden Club, a founding member of Retired Officers Wives Club, a member of many bridge clubs, a resident of Mobile, AL, for 20 years and taught at St. Ignatius School, graduate from Spring Hill College, lived in Metairie, La., for 20 years, was assistant principal and teacher at St. Clement of Rome School in Metairie, a resident of Diamondhead for nine years, a member of the Lions Club in Diamondhead and a member of the Republican Women's Club.

She was preceded in death by husbands, Capt. Charles P. McFaull of Metairie and William Fraser Chapman, Jr., of Mobile, AL, and South Hampton England.

She is survived by three sons William F. Chapman III, Walter A. Chapman, and John H. Chapman; one daughter, Constance Chapman Breithoff; daughters-in-law Starr Renee Chapman and Kim Chapman; seven grandchildren and one step-grandchild.

Visitation will be Monday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home

in Bay St. Louis from 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. A funeral procession will leave the funeral home at 10:30 a.m. for an 11 a.m. Mass at St. Clare.

A 2 p.m. graveside service will be held at Pine Crest Cemetery in Mobile, AL.

The family prefers memorials to Quality Hospice of the Gulf Coast, 979 Howard Ave., Biloxi, MS, 39533, or the Diamondhead Garden Club.

ELLSWORTH COLLINS
Ellsworth Collins, age unavailable, of Bay St. Louis, died April 25, 1996, in Bay St. Louis.

Arrangements are incomplete at J. T. Hall Funeral Home in Gulfport.

ROBERT EARL EVANS, SR.
Robert Earl Evans, Sr., of Waveland, 72, died Thursday, April 25, 1996, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Evans was a retired civil engineer with the U.S. Government. He was a native of New Orleans.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sylvester and Alma Flannigan Evans.

Mr. Evans is survived by his wife, Rose G. Evans of Waveland; two sons, Robert E. Evans, Jr. of Milton, Fla. and Peter D. Evans of Waveland; one daughter, Mrs. Mary Mansfield of Violet, La.; one sister, Mrs. Doris Scutz of Slidell and five grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted on Friday at the Biloxi National Cemetery.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of the arrangements.

MARY E. FAUCETTA
Mary Ellen Poyadou Faucetta, 46, of Bay St. Louis, died Monday, April 22, 1996, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Faucetta was a native of Bay St. Louis and a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Dorothy Roberts Poyadou; two brothers, Leroy Poyadou and Vestil "Black" Poyadou; and a sister, Brenda Kay Poyadou.

Survivors include her husband, Jasper Faucetta of Bay St. Louis; a daughter, Alicia Faucetta of Bay St. Louis; two brothers, Manuel Poyadou of Waveland and Bobby Poyadou of Bay St. Louis; seven sisters, Pat Cospolich, Glenda Simpson, Linda Malley and Susie Farve, all of Bay St. Louis; Gail Dacourt of Metairie, La.; Joy Farve of Marrero, La.; and Cindy Schoonmaker of Waveland.

Visitation was Thursday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Mass was celebrated Friday at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis. Burial was in Gulf Coast Memorial Cemetery Mausoleum in Bay St. Louis.

REV. LEROY GRAHAM
The Rev. Leroy Graham, 83, of Bay St. Louis, died Wednesday, April 24, 1996, in Bay St. Louis.

Graham was a native of Covington County and had been a lifetime resident of Sumrall. He lived the past five years in Bay St. Louis and retired from the Mississippi State Highway Department as a civil engineer. He was a Baptist minister for 45 years, pastoring in many churches in the Sumrall area, including First Baptist Church of Sumrall.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Louise Watts Graham.

Survivors include a daughter, Pat Cunningham Baker of Bay St. Louis; two sisters, Evelyn McDowell of Jackson and Betty Lou Marlar of Arkansas; and three brothers, A.B. Graham of Collins, Estus Graham of Sumrall and Marvin Graham

of Columbia.

Services were conducted Saturday at Hulet-Winstead Sumrall Funeral Home. Burial was in Rock Hill Cemetery.

The family prefers memorials to the First Baptist Church Building Fund in Sumrall.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of local arrangements.

JOHN MATUSZEWSKI
John Matuszewski, 65, died Friday, April 26, 1996, in Bay St. Louis.

Arrangements are incomplete at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

RUSSELL PAIGE SR.
Russell R. Paige Sr., 53, of Pass Christian, died Thursday, April 25, 1996, in Gulfport.

Arrangements are incomplete at Dickey Bros.-Chambers Bros. Funeral Services in Biloxi.

LOUIS DANIEL SMITH
Louis Daniel Smith, 74, a former resident of Pass Christian, died Tuesday, April 23, 1996, in Portland, Ore.

Mr. Smith was born in Taylorsville and attended Pass Christian schools. He worked on major river-damming projects on the West Coast. He was a Lutheran.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Cleo Daniel and Elbe Dieterich Smith.

Survivors include a daughter, Julie Dianne Benson of Portland; a sister, Gloria Smith

Allergy relief is nothing to sneeze at

Ah, spring. For allergy sufferers, it's usually sniffles, red eyes and headaches.

To help relieve symptoms, a Mississippi State University physician recommends that sufferers take an allergy inventory.

"Although allergies are annoying and sometimes painful, you can take steps to help ease the pain," says Dr. Bob Collins, director of the Longest Student Health Center. He offers the following tips to help make spring more pleasant:

Be aware of your symptoms. Symptoms caused by allergies can range from running and stuffy noses to red, itchy and swollen eyes, Collins says. It is important to understand that, although these symptoms are usually associated with allergies, they could also be caused by an infection. Fever is a good indication of infection.

Be aware of seasonal culprits. Allergies in spring are associated with trees, which release pollen at a certain time of year. Knowing that type you react to will let you know when you will be most vulnerable.

Junipers bud in late February, pines and oaks begin in March, and pecans bud in April. In the fall, blame grasses and weeds.

Know the best treatment. "Stay away from over-the-counter nasal sprays," Collins advises. Nose sprays will relieve you for a short while, but when they wear off, you will be more stuffed up than before. Nose sprays are also addictive and raise blood pressure. If you use a nose spray, use one prescribed by a doctor.

Decongestants are recommended to open up the nose and antihistamines to relieve itchy eyes and a running nose. Neither has to be prescribed to be effective and, while antihistamines make some people drowsy, the symptom usually wears off. Because non-sedative antihistamines are very expensive and can cause heart arrhythmia, Collins doesn't recommend

Moran of Pass Christian; a brother, Harry R. Smith of New Orleans; and a granddaughter.

Graveside services and burial were Thursday in National Military Cemetery in Waveland, Ore.

Autumn Funeral Home in Beaverton, Ore. was in charge of arrangements.

JOY WESNER
Mrs. Joy Wesner, 61, of Clermont Harbor, died Wednesday, April 24, 1996, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Wesner was a native of Clermont Harbor and a member of St. Ann and St. John Catholic churches.

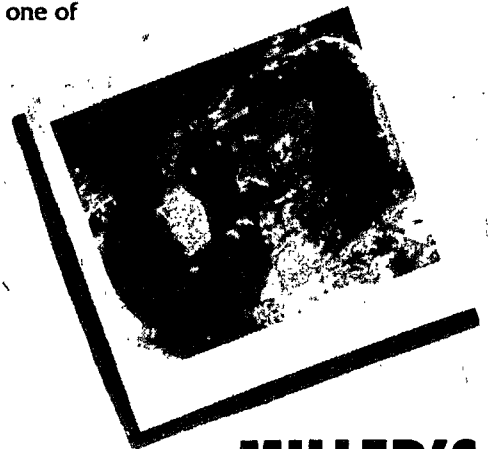
She was preceded in death by her parents, Hugh T. Carr and Grace Belbin Carr Sr.; and a brother, Francis Carr.

Survivors include her husband, Peter A. Wesner Sr. of Clermont Harbor; three sons, Peter A. Wesner Jr., Tommy Wesner, both of Clermont Harbor, and James Wesner of Bay St. Louis; a daughter, Mrs. Mary Poyadou of Bay St. Louis; a brother, Huey Carr of Ansley; three sisters, Mrs. Mary Wilcox of Clermont Harbor, Mrs. Gloria Adams of Donaldsonville, La., and Mrs. Dianae Garcia of Lakeshore; and seven grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday evening at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Mass was celebrated Saturday at St. John Catholic Church in Lakeshore. Burial was in Lakeshore Cemetery.

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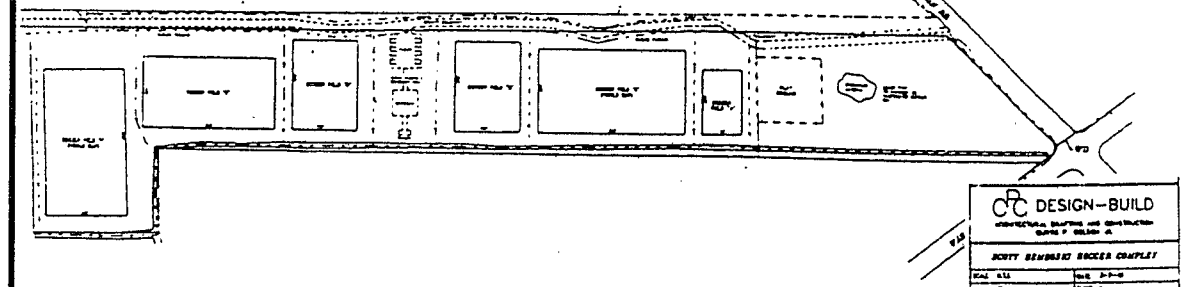
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School board votes down landfill; agrees to meet with supervisors

BY ED LEPOMA

Is a resounding no vote actually a "no" in the continuing saga over whether a temporary landfill-rubbish site will open in the rural Standard Community of Hancock County?

The Hancock County School District met in a special recess session at Hancock High School Wednesday afternoon and turned thumbs down, voting 5-0 against, a resolution sent over by the county Board of Supervisors.

However, the school board members, who made the motion not to sell the land, said the board would welcome "open dialogue" with the entities involved in the dispute.

Supervisors, pressured by the Hancock County Solid Waste District, asked the school board if it planned to sell the county the remaining 95.7 acres of Section 16 land that adjoins the current 40-acre county rubbish site.

The compromise offered by the Solid Waste District was to open up a temporary 10-acre, one-cell landfill, and use the remaining 85 acres to extend the life of the rubbish site. The state Department of Environmental Quality has informed supervisors that the rubbish site is nearing capacity, and must close by June 30.

If that happens, county residents, including those who live in the cities, will have nowhere to dump their household trees and limbs, construction debris and other materials free, as they do now. Residents would

be forced to take their debris to other sites surrounding Hancock County, and would be charged to dump.

Supervisors have been looking in the vast buffer zones surrounding the Stennis Space Center and say they have singled out a 443-acre tract that could serve the county's needs for a landfill and a rubbish site for the next 50 years. The next step would be to get the land appraised, sign an option to buy it at an agreed upon price, then start soil borings and other testings to determine whether the site is suitable for either.

The School District moved the special session to the library at Hancock High, anticipating a large turnout, but there was ample seating for those who did attend. Only two persons spoke against the proposed sale of the land, and President Cheryl Bennett limited their comments to five minutes, which she said is standard time allowed on other issues.

About a handful of citizens representing a recently-formed group called Concerned Citizens for Good Government were in the audience. District 3 Supervisor Lisa Coward was present, along with Gerald Gex, the attorney to the Board of Supervisors.

Meryl Martin, who operates Martin's grocery, off Hwy. 603, near Standard, repeated what school board officials have said many times during earlier discussions on the rubbish site in District 3 where it will be located. I live about two to three

miles from it."

Caston said he realized the county needs a landfill "badly and one that will last a long time."

He suggested the three entities involved—supervisors, the school board, and the Solid Waste District—"sit down as a group" to discuss the situation. Caston said he had had some conversation with Board President to the county.

"You have said the school board is not in the garbage business. Don't let the supervisors drag you back into it," said Martin.

Jerry Ladner, a former county supervisor and co-founder of the citizens group, said, "All we want is this thing stopped."

Ladner said there have been several rulings from the state attorney general's office that "you can't have a dump on 16 Section land."

He threatened to "file a class action suit" and sue supervisors and the school board individually if a land sale was approved.

Tony Caston, who represents District 3 (which includes the Standard Community) made the motion to inform supervisors the school board was not interested in selling the remaining 16 Section land. It was seconded by District 4 representative Billie Lyons.

Before the final vote, Caston explained that he had attended several meetings regarding the Standard site. "And, I represent Philip Moran about supervisors' efforts to find land in the buffer zone," but, I understand

it might take a year and a half to two years to get approval."

Although he made the motion not to sell, Caston said he wanted supervisors to know "school board members are open minded and can discuss this further."

Bennett said her area of concern is that the school board still holds title to the rubbish site.

"We do not want to be in the garbage business," she said.

Gex told school board members supervisors "would be more than happy to meet with you."

Les Fillingame, who represents Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre and serves as chairman of the Solid Waste District, said he didn't think the vote was "a final vote."

"They didn't close the door on it," said Fillingame. He said he would welcome the opportunity to sit down with the three agencies involved.

"We've never all three sat down before," said Fillingame. "Maybe, after we meet, they will come to the realization that we need the site, at least temporarily."

Fillingame said the rubbish site will close by June 30, and "there is not enough time to find the land and get it permitted by that deadline."

The Board of Supervisors is scheduled to hold its monthly meeting May 6, but it appears the three agencies involved will try to arrange a workshop session this coming week.

Landfill

Fillingame also invited to the meeting Jeff Claunch, president of Trans-American Waste Industries of Mobile, Ala., which since Sept. 1, has operated the rubbish site and has a 20-year contract to operate a landfill.

Claunch had written a letter in late March telling the Solid Waste District it would like a decision by May 1 on whether the county intended to go forward at Standard.

He said Trans-American has expended thousands to clean up the rubbish site, which was previously operated by county employees, and was losing about \$15,000 a month while it continued to operate it, awaiting word on Standard's fate.

Claunch said his company "two or three times postponed a decision to walk out of Standard," but he would ask company officials in Houston to "postpone anything drastic" until after the May 9 workshop.

He said Trans-American started talking with the District in 1994.

"It has been a long ordeal for us. And, it has cost us money," Claunch said.

Claunch said he would welcome the opportunity to talk with school board members. If even a temporary landfill were opened, Claunch estimated revenues to the county would amount to about \$150,000 a month.

Fillingame, at first, thanked Coward for convincing the remaining four supervisors to sponsor a resolution asking the school board to sell the land.

Without naming names, Fillingame said a small group of citizens who oppose a landfill have implied "what has transacted so far has not been on the up and up."

He said the opponents paint themselves "as representatives of the people, but they both ran for office and were overwhelmingly rejected by voters" in last fall's elections.

He said claims that Section 16 land can't be used for landfills are true for future sites, but it does not apply to Standard. He said the District has opinions from the state Attorney General's office and the Secretary of State that Standard could be used since the District's plans to do so have been in the works since 1989 (when then School Supt. Terry Randolph signed the original lease for the 40-acre rubbish site).

If it comes down to attorneys getting involved, Fillingame said, "I don't know if I want to be part of it."

Fillingame said the county's 20-year solid waste plan was formulated by an inter-local agreement between supervisors, and the mayors of Bay St. Louis and Waveland, and the

responsibility of carrying out the plan was delegated to the Solid Waste District.

Fillingame said the Standard site for a landfill was agreed upon by all three entities.

The problem arose when the attorney general said rather than lease the land from the school board, the District or supervisors needed to purchase the entire tract.

Fillingame said the District wanted to form an "authority" so it could purchase the land from the school board and hold title to it and the landfill permit, but the past Board of Supervisors and the new Board rejected the request.

That, in effect, thwarted the District from carrying out the solid waste plan formulated for the county, he said.

Coward told Fillingame she didn't want to mislead him or Claunch.

She told Claunch she thought Standard was "a dead issue."

She said she doesn't think school board members could be convinced to sell, even after

meeting in a workshop.

"If Trans-American threatens to pull out, I don't think it will make a difference," said Coward.

And, she told Fillingame and Claunch, "I don't want to mislead you. I think supervisors have no intention of making you an authority."

She said the fact that supervisors sponsored the request to the school board should not imply that the majority wanted to go forward with the Standard site.

She said most still favor finding a site in the buffer zone, and have singled in on two areas where they might want to begin getting appraisals and talking to land owners.

Tommy Kidd, who represents Waveland Mayor John Mason on the District, asked Coward, "Are we wasting our time?" by having the work session on May 9.

He said, "I don't like the fact that five people can make a decision that will ultimately affect people in the city who

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Ice cream social for Pass Christian kids

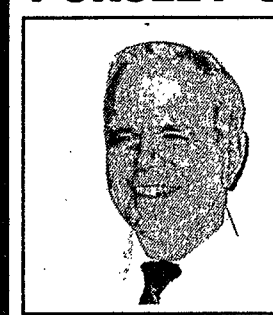
As part of the National Library Week celebration, the Friends of the Pass Christian Public Library sponsored an ice cream social Friday, April 19. The Friends provide *The Sun Herald* to students of the Pass Christian Elementary School to be used as living textbooks. They also treated Ms. Walker's fourth grade class, who participated in the program, their parents and teachers.

The children made their own ice cream sundaes with all the trimmings and enjoyed cookies, punch and balloons. A short speech by Paul Bode, recom-

mending reading of books as a form of entertainment and education, instead of relying solely on computers and TV; and a presentation by the children of thank-you posters constituted the only formalities.

The event was chaired by Jennie Lou Mintz, who was assisted by her husband, Bob, Doris Skrmetta, Frank and Bernice Cerniglia, Marie Donaville, Connie Boudreaux, Helen Davis, Paul Bode and Dick Connor. All food and supplies were donated by Borden's Inc., Delchamps and Big B Drugs.

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"CUEVAS' QUOTES"

By Ellis C. Cuevas

Tonight at 7:30 at the Bay St. Louis City Park, South Second Street next to the old Bay St. Louis City Hall, there will be a Voices of Hope Candlelight Rally.

The gathering will bring students from all of the public and private schools within the area together for the main purpose of promoting peace throughout the world.

The program will include a welcome, singing, peace messages, peace poems, famous quotes, etc.

The rally is dedicated to "all who work for peace," and to Ms. Cindy Acker and Mother Teresa.

Among the coordinators for the special rally is Connie Heitzmann and Jody Beckman.

I am hoping there will be a large number of students as well as parents at tonight's Voices of Hope Candlelight Rally.

Tonight there are also two big basketball games scheduled to benefit the Hancock Medical Center's Foundation.

Casino Magic and the Isle of Capri will vie in the benefit games. There will be a girls' and boys' game.

Tickets are \$4 each and may be purchased at the door.

The first game is set 6 p.m. at the Bay High Tiger Dome, Blue Meadow Road, Bay St. Louis.

It has been indicated to me by Catherine Green of Casino Magic that the competition will be stiff, but the Magic plans on winning both games.

Best of luck to all teams.

While on the subject of benefits, the 7th Exchange Club of Hancock County's Annual Fun Rais'n Auction is set for Friday, May 3.

It will be held at the Civic Center on Longfellow Drive beginning at 5:30 p.m. with an auction preview.

Michael Haas Jr. has taken it upon himself to be chairman of this year's event and is working hard to make it a tremendous success.

Proceeds from the auction go to the South Mississippi Family Child Center.

Michael or other members of the Exchange Club will be going about the community this week collecting auction items.

If you can, please be generous.

Michael can be reached at 467-6574.

I keep having folks reminding me of the number of one-eyed vehicles they see about the community.

This is nothing new, as it seems casualties are high in our area. Maybe it is because of the gravel on some of our roads.

Anyway, it is a good idea for drivers to check the headlights on their vehicles on a regular basis.

Recently we discovered The Echo's van had one broken.

Whenever the state troopers set up road blocks to check driver's licenses and inspections stickers, the check might include whether all signal lights are operational.

If you are issued a citation for a broken headlight, it can get to be rather costly.



Outstanding volunteer

Wade Ladner, left, of Nacaise Crossing, Hancock County volunteer leader of the Boots and Buckles 4-H Club, receives the Outstanding Coastal Area 4-H Volunteer Award from Shannon Hatton, state 4-H intern. Wade received his award during the State 4-H Volunteer Leaders Forum held at Roosevelt State Park in Morton, Miss.



EYES ON MISSISSIPPI

By Bill Minor

Project LEAP spending by Ole Miss investigated

Federal investigators have found that \$15.3 million — most of it federal money — spent the last three years on Project LEAP, the ambitious Ole Miss-based job literacy program for welfare recipients, has been a costly disaster.

And now the feds want a big chunk of that money paid back.

The findings of an investigatory audit of LEAP by the Office of Inspector-General of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has been turned over to U.S. Attorney Brad Pigott. He is expected to demand repayment of at least \$200,000 by the University of Mississippi for disallowed LEAP expenditures and some \$500,000 by the Mississippi Department of Human Services.

LEAP (Learn, Earn and Prosper) had been created almost overnight in September, 1993 under a contract given by the Mississippi DHS to Ole Miss. At the time DHS faced the loss of \$4 million in federal JOBS program funds under the 1988 Family Support Act.

The OIG audit, aside from specific expenditures disallowed, reveals that under LEAP only 89 welfare clients earned GED diplomas, obtained employment and got off welfare rolls in the two-year period, covered by the audit.

The tab of \$14.1 million (80 percent federal 20 percent state) spent by LEAP in that period, means that taxpayers paid a whopping \$158,427 for each success story of a welfare recipient obtaining a GED and getting a job. That makes a good case for not turning over block grant welfare funds to the state as Gov. Kirk Fordice insists should be done.

The OIG review found \$747,031 in LEAP contract expenditures failed to meet federal requirements. Another \$1,045,097 in expenditures, it found, warranted further review by Mississippi's State Auditor.

In turning it over to the U.S. Attorney, the federal agency said it wanted \$668,768 refunded by Mississippi to the federal government. Of that sum, \$200,000 is expected to be demanded from Ole Miss and the rest from DHS.

But both Ole Miss and DHS won't be out of the woods yet, because of another \$1,045,097 questioned by the feds and put in the hands of the State Auditor. Among the dozens of items challenged by the feds was \$33,579 in travel costs to "sell" LEAP at conferences outside the state, among them a trip to Vienna, Austria, and to the National Restaurant Association Convention in Chicago.

LEAP, the OIG found, enrolled 4,300 welfare clients under the federal JOBS program at 62 sites it had set up around the state. But only 720

(17 percent) took the GED exam and only 377 passed. The cost of \$2,606 for each welfare client enrolled in the LEAP program, said the OIG, is compared to only \$158 per enrollee in the Adult Basic Education program already operating through the state's community colleges, a similar job literacy program.

A glaring example of the promiscuous spending by LEAP cited by the audit was the purchase by the university of 46 computer work stations, two notebook computers, and a dozen printers, even though there were only 29 LEAP employees. Some \$20,000 in equipment was assigned to Ole Miss staff people who were non-LEAP employees.

More than \$110,000 spent by LEAP at the University Bookstore, including box lunches and such items as T-shirts, coffee mugs, and leather portfolios were questioned by the audit. Lease of two mobile computer labs by LEAP at a cost of \$527,625, supposedly to be used in remote, rural areas, drew critical review from the federal investigators. They contended no proof was furnished that the labs were used outside the urban areas of Jackson and Greenville. Also, said OIG, the state DHS greatly exaggerated the number of clients benefitted by the labs.

The mobile labs were in the same deal cited last November by the Legislative PEER Committee involving former DHS Executive Director Gregg Phillips, under whose tenure LEAP got most of its funding. Phillips went to work immediately after leaving DHS at a salary of \$7,000 a month, for CENTEC, a small company which leased the mobile labs to LEAP.

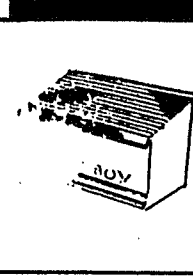
PEER, which issued a strongly critical report on the entire LEAP operation, recommended to the state Ethics Commission that Phillips be investigated for state ethics violations. So far no known action has come out of the tight-lipped ethics body.

One fallout has already come about from the federal investigation of LEAP. Its director, Ed Meek, who also runs the Ole Miss Department of Public Information, has been removed by the university from the LEAP job.

Meek was the mastermind who concocted the LEAP program, utilizing satellite feeds to the 62 LEAP sites to provide education and employment training. Essentially, welfare recipients were to be taught by watching television receivers.

He sold the expensive idea to Ruth Ann Williams, then the head of the DHS job training program, and put together an operating plan in a matter of just a few days.

Phillips is long gone, and so is Williams, but the taxpayers are stuck with the bill.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

New resident concerned about Bay sand beach

Dear Editor:

As a new resident in Bay St. Louis, having moved here from Atlanta six months ago, I feel I must express my views on the condition of the new beach.

I try to walk every day, and as the beach begins at the top of my street, that is the logical place for me to start. Unfortunately, I have to walk by large pools of green or brown slimey water, swatting mosquitos as I go.

If I were a tourist, this is not the beach I would want to sit on.

Every week, I follow what has happened at City Council meetings in the paper, and I find it hard to believe that, even though the city is not happy with the finished beach, they paid the contractor the full amount.

If you were having work done on your home and it was done wrong, would you pay the workmen?

It is possible that the Corps of Engineers and their consultant

were so inept that they were unaware of the simple fact that water runs downhill? Could it be that the engineers were aware that the drainage problem existed but were told by a person or persons in the city administration, for whatever reason, to build the beach anyway? What was the big hurry?

Now there is talk of contractors returning to correct the beach drainage. Will this cost the city and ultimately city residents more money?

The beach is obviously important to the success of the downtown area and its merchants. For that reason, I am sending copies of this letter to the mayor and city council members to encourage them to inform the community via The Sea Coast Echo of their plans to correct the problems on the beach and to explain why it was not done right to begin with.

Sincerely,
Maureen M. Evans
Bay St. Louis

Bay resident questions council's procedures, actions

To the Editor:

After taking a sabbatical from attending city council meetings I decided to attend one recently to voice my concerns regarding some issues.

Once the meeting was called to order and the circus began, I knew immediately why I quit attending these meetings.

As is the case, the public forum is the last item on the agenda.

The meeting progressed as normal until the subject of the "Sand Beach Renourishment Project" was discussed. At this time the subject of payment for services to the architect and engineering firm and also for the general contractor who performed the renourishment work came up.

It was very amusing to listen to the council discuss why they should pay a firm for not performing, or was it for performing, the contracted work.

I wondered if the A&E firm knew of the potential for runoff of water from the road adjacent to the renourished beach, if the A&E had considered drainage issues, or if they were aware of these issues and made the contractor or A&E aware of them.

As the council discussed the issue of what I perceived to be failure to complete the contract, my amusement went to amazement and disgust on how uninformed the council and the city are concerning their rights as they relate to failure to comply with a written contract.

The city council tried to explain that since a city engineer had certified the work was completed in a certain manner, the city had no recourse but to pay for the services rendered.

Why pay for something which was not done correctly? Who is the city engineer who did the certification, and why is he still on the payroll?

As the meeting went on I listened to the council and the mayor discuss the proposed city comfort station and the restroom facilities for the new ball fields. I heard the mayor speak of, and show a plan for, a comfort station, and he mentioned the one shown could be built for a minimum of \$90,000.

I found it hard to believe, since I had been given a handout which indicated the city had budgeted \$40,000 for this comfort facility. I heard the restroom facilities for the ball fields may not be done due to the excessive cost overruns with the construction of the fields.

I wondered if the city had ever considered hiring a planner/estimator to determine the costs associated with projects prior to implementation of the projects. It seems paying double for a budgeted item is quite excessive, and the cost of a planner/estimator would more than save this money.

The handout I was given for an amended budget had a list of six items and a cost associated with each item. While reviewing this list I noticed a \$10,000 discrepancy in the correct total cost for these items.

I brought this to the attention of the council and was informed this amount of money was for contingencies.

As a person who is directly involved in budgets, construction projects, and salaries associated with these issues, I find it unbelievable a line item would not have been included for contingencies.

Not shown on the agenda was a presentation to be made by a bond attorney. The gentlemen made a presentation to the council and had also given to the mayor a proposal for services.

After the bond attorney explained the procedure for issuing bonds, one councilman immediately made a motion to accept this proposal and the issue was seconded.

When the time came for discussion, a councilman asked if the city had received any other proposals and was told there were two more. At least one of these was brought to the council table and read by two of the councilmen.

The motion to accept the original bond attorney's proposal passed five to zero. I will state the bond attorney who made the presentation gets no fee if we do not issue the bond.

I wonder if the council knows what they made a motion for, and, more importantly, what their options were? Voting to accept something when not all of the council has seen all of the proposals seems like the council is not performing their job.

If I understand the motion and the resulting actions, the city will be advertising soon to float a bond for approximately \$8,000,000 to cover needed city work.

Hopefully the council president's idea of ward meetings will come to fruition, so the citizens can see what their tax money will buy.

I would hope that each of the citizens contact their councilman to ask for a town meeting and get all of the information regarding this bond issue. With a petition of at least 10 percent of the registered voters or 1,500 citizens (whichever is less, 10 percent in the case of Bay St. Louis), protesting the bond issue, we can, if desired, cause this issue to go to a vote of all the citizens for approval.

William B. Eslick
Bay St. Louis

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The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers on subjects of general interest. Letters must be signed and include address of phone number so that the sender can be contacted by the newspaper if necessary. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double spaced, and conform to standards of good taste.

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-Ellis Cuevas, publisher



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REFLECTIONS ON LIFE

By Father Jerome
LeDoux, SVD

"Just watch the people coming into a furniture store. The only children who are not jumping all over the furniture are the Asian children. They just sit quietly and wait."

"Unfortunately, my husband's observation is no longer completely true," Andre Tevigne observed recently as I questioned her about her husband's remark. "The Asians born in America are quickly becoming Americanized in a negative way."

One dramatic example of that reality is Chinatown in New York which was very clean and crime-free until recent years. It was even touted by local

tour guides as the home of the cleanest, most law-abiding citizens of New York.

Chinatown, New York has deteriorated to the point where tour guides can no longer be accurate or truthful in referring to it as squeaky clean or respectful and law-abiding. Security has given way to fear of violence and even gangs.

Apparently, the picture all over the United States is just about the same, as one hears reports about the Asian community locally and in areas such as San Francisco. Their powerful family culture is falling victim to America's street culture.

A great part of this has to do with "wanting to be American," just as it used to be with immigrants forsaking their native tongue to blend in with their new homeland. The awful waste was a loss of culture and of bilingual advantage.

This fed directly into the distorted concept that America was a Melting Pot wherein all racial and ethnic cultures became one homogenized, unidentifiable mass of humanity which proudly wore the label of American.

Mixing Pot is the much better metaphor for America wherein the priceless treasures of individual group languages and cultures are preserved and used to

enrich the whole populace.

Fortunately, bilingualism is no longer considered by most to be adversary to absorption into American culture. The deep South even has the Council on the Development of French in Louisiana, putting French into the public schools.

However, language aside in some cases, there is still the irrepressible urge, the pell-mell drive of many immigrants, and more especially, their children to become part and parcel of whatever American culture seems to be.

Which is a great lump of the problem. It would seem that most Americans, even those whose great-great-grandparents were born here, either do not know what American culture is supposed to be or do not take the pains to live it.

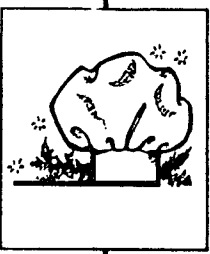
A Norman Rockwell depiction can be considered a linchpin view of America, displaying the blue-collar work ethic, the healthy morality of a God-fearing, law-abiding family, the unabashed pursuit of the American Dream.

With that generic culture as a given, there is a huge amount of space for variety and expression of individual cultures. No racial or ethnic group has to or should rush headlong into the ill-perceived mush of American culture.

That amorphous mush is the end result of decades of suppressing the family, moral and cultural riches of immigrants who would not remove but enhance the assets of our culture.

Well-founded, well-rooted culture breeds everything good. The fresh cultural blood of immigrants is warning us to turn away from the furious black hole which we are calling culture.

Culture breeds everything



COOKING UP A STORM

By Katy McGuire
Caire

How tantalizing to winter-jaded taste buds are "spring greens" briefly wilted with hot bacon or ham dressing, in my opinion at least!

This dish is best of all when you can gather together for it the so-tender lettuce "thinings" fresh from the garden patch, along with young radishes and spring onions; but, you may use whatever tender greens you can get your greedy hands on. Tender, young and fresh spinach leaves are delicious for this, too.

The contrast between the

fresh greens or "garden sass" and the hot dressing is delectable; if some of your "pickins" are a bit larger, set them aside and cook them old-South country style, with chunks of ham or slab bacon, with plenty of hot cornbread a-drip with butter to accompany them.

Directions and proportions for this dish are along the lines of "it depends," for, indeed, it depends upon the number to be served, as well as upon the greens on hand. At any rate, here's:

Wilted Greens

WILTED GREENS

3 parts of hot bacon drippings to 1 part of cider vinegar
Pinch of dry mustard
Touch of sugar
Dashes of pepper, cayenne and salt

Fresh, young, tender spinach leaves, lettuce, other greens as desired.

Heat the drippings-vinegar dressing, at the very last moment before serving. Pour over the greens. Toss quickly so as to coat leaves thoroughly and serve.

Chopped or coarse-cut green onions are a delicious addition, along with sliced radishes and such. Spring's sweet onions, such as the Texas Sweets or Georgia's famed Vidalias, are also excellent choices, sliced in rings or coarsely cut.

Some cooks like to add dices of crisp bacon, some even add chunks of hard-cooked eggs, and so forth. For variation from the bacon dressing, I substitute "red-eye ham gravy." To make this, fry off a ham slice, add strong black coffee to the "burnings" in the pan, stir the mixture all around the skillet and pour over the greens.

P.S. The term "red-eye" comes from what looks like a red eye glaring at you as you swish the bits and burnings or "debris" around in the skillet with the coffee.

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Beef recipe contest

Summer is around the corner, and so is the entry deadline for the 1997 National Beef Cook-off®. Innovative cooks have the chance to win more than \$50,000 in cash and prizes — if they send in their best beef recipes by the June 1 deadline.

According to the rules, recipe entries must be postmarked no later than June 1 and received by June 7. Recipes should be sent to "National Beef Cook-Off Entries," P.O. Box 3240, Dept. D2, Chicago, IL, 60654. They can also be sent by e-mail to BeefCookOff@aol.com, no later than 11:59 p.m. CT June 1.

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To receive the complete contest rules, call 1-800-848-9088, or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: National Beef Cook-off Rules, 444 N. Michigan Ave., Dept. D2, Chicago, IL 60611.

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The correct scientific term is herniated nucleus pulposus, but most people use the expression "slipped disc" when referring to a spinal disc problem. Would you believe that there is no such thing as a "slipped disc"? The pads or cartilage material (the disc) between the vertebra actually does no slip at all, what really happens is the vertebra itself becomes misaligned and the disc protrudes and presses on the spinal cord or nerves. This produces much pain, sometimes so intense it disables its victim.

Normally, spinal discs perform their duties perfectly for a lifetime, but occasionally they herniate (protrude) as the result of a fall, an auto accident, whiplash, strain from lifting improperly or too much, a blow to the neck or the back area. Even repeated sitting or standing in a stressful way can bring on disc problems.

Then there are disc problems that develop slowly through disc degeneration and thinning, a process that is so gradual over the years that it can go unnoticed until it demands attention.

Treatment for a disc problem must be tailored to the specific cause. A thorough chiropractic examination can determine whether the pain is caused by disc failure, vertebral misalignments, or other problems.

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Preaching on canvas

Local artist delivers messages through paintings

BY TRACI BONNEY

Joseph Pearson is a teacher, sometimes even a preacher.

You might not realize that at first, though, since he delivers his messages while wearing the hat — or perhaps "beret" is more accurate — of an artist.

Pearson, a newly transplanted Waveland resident — he just moved across the bay from Pass Christian — is one of 10 artists from across the United States participating in the 10th annual Lafayette International Festival De Louisianne. He sort of fell into it.

"I ran into an artist friend of mine several months ago, and invited her to include some pieces in an exhibit I had at the George Ohr museum. She told me about the festival in Lafayette, and suggested I submit some of my work," he explained. "I thought it would be just one of those flea market-type things; you know, a regional event designed to bring in tourists. I had no idea it really was international."

"I consider it a high honor to be included in this exhibit. To knock on the door and be let in is one thing; being invited to the door is a whole other thing," he added.

The festival, at the Museum of Natural History in Lafayette, was kicked off by an artists' reception Wednesday evening. The reception was covered by members of the French press and *Good Morning America*.

The exhibit will be at the museum until May 26, Pearson said.

Meanwhile, he is working on another large project.

"I'm in the process of building a body of work with the family as its theme," he said. "It's going to be 'The Family of Mankind,' and is cross-cultural."

So far, Pearson has completed about half of the 20 por-

traits he plans to paint. Subjects include his daughter, his fiancée, a grandfather and grandson, a grandmother, a father and daughter he met at the Biloxi church he attends, and local body builder Charles Hawkins.

The portrait of Hawkins, titled "Dare to Be Different," shows him holding a college math textbook while standing in front of a wall covered with gang-related graffiti.

"Charles gives a lot of motivational talks to school students, and I've done some of that as well," said Pearson, who is a member of Toastmasters International. "So I asked him to pose for this portrait."

"I wanted him to strike one of his body-building poses, one he would use in competition, while he held the book so we could show that it takes a strong person to dare to be different, to go against the peer pressure and get an education when all your friends are hanging out in gangs."

Pearson said he tries to capture a message in a simple painting that concentrates on the person and where he or she is internally as well as externally.

"I eliminate as many distracting elements as possible," he explained. "I don't want to take away from the message in the painting."

Pearson said he has toned down his method of conveying messages over the 20 years he has been a professional painter.

"I used to be very direct, very blunt in how I dealt with issues," he commented, "but I discovered that turns a lot of people off. People don't want to be preached at, especially when they're viewing art. So now I'm



Joseph Pearson

more subtle at conveying the message, but it's still there for whomever wants to see it."

He said his interest in art started at an early age.

"When I was about four years old, I saw an illustration in a fashion magazine, and the idea of doing that — painting and drawing — appealed to me," he remarked.

Apparently it was an enduring interest for Pearson. While in the Army he worked as an illustrator; he still works as an illustrator, now in the Naval Research Lab at Stennis Space Center.

His education background

includes a B.S. in art education from Jackson State University, a Masters of Education/Art from William Carey College on the Coast, and studies with the Art Students League of New York and New Orleans artist Frank Adams.

He holds a Mississippi teacher's certificate, and has taught in both public and private settings.

"I prefer the workshop setting," he commented. "The structure and restrictions of a school classroom are not something with which I'm comfortable."

"I'd rather have a workshop for a limited time on a single subject. With that approach, you're more likely to get people who are serious about painting," he added.

Pearson said his "Family of Mankind" series is aimed at showing people that race and gender shouldn't be a barrier-creating factor in how we relate to each other.

"My goal is to create art that is reflective of the 'everyday' and expresses the importance of life in general," he stated. "I have done paintings of landscapes and buildings, but I always come back to the human figure — and more recently I've concentrated on portraiture — because people are the most important thing."

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The unique evening affords many youths from the Boys & Girls Clubs the opportunity to meet and share a meal with concerned community leaders. On this night, the traditional roles are reversed; the adults will be served hamburgers, while the youths eat steak dinners. This has proven to be a great experience for all involved.

The evening will be highlighted by youth entertain-

ment, and Apollo 13 astronaut and Biloxi native Fred Haise will be honored speaker. NASA's Stennis Space Center will provide a special mini-program that will surely heighten excitement around the featured speaker. Outback Steakhouse of Gulfport will prepare the steaks and burgers for participants.

The public is invited to participate by purchasing a ticket or a table and attending the reception and dinner. Tickets are \$100 per person. All or part of your contribution may be tax deductible.

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OLA continues dominance in 2A track; McPhail, Crain triple winners

Special to the Echo
The Our Lady Academy Crescents track team took first place in the Division 8 Class 2A meet on April 18 in Hattiesburg.

The Crescents tallied 206 total points while qualifying athletes in 14 of the 15 events. OLA won 13 of the 15 events in the meet.

The first through fourth place finishers will advance to regional competition. From there, the top four will move on to South State competition and the top four finishers there will advance to the state finals held in Jackson.

Nina Crain, a ninth grader, won the high jump with a height of 4'6", the long jump with a leap of 14'3", and the 300 intermediate hurdles with a time of 53.78 seconds.

Melissa McPhail won the 3200m run with a time of 13:26, the 1600m run with a time of 6:16, and the 800m run with a time of 2:47.

Leslie Esher won the 200m dash in 28.16 seconds and the

400m dash in 1:05.26. Emily Alford won the 100m low hurdles in 18.30 seconds. Kristen Cannon won the 100m dash in 13.74 seconds.

The 400m relay team of Crain, Cannon, Alford, and Jeannie Fortenberry placed first. The 800m relay team that consisted of the same team members also placed first. OLA's 1600m relay team of Crain, Fortenberry, McPhail, and Katie Stahl placed first.

The second place finishers that will also move on were Mary Munger in the 1600m and 3200m runs, Esher in the 800m run, Alford in the 300m intermediate hurdles, and Cannon in the 200m dash.

The third place finishers that will advance are Rebecca Nacaise in the 100m low hurdles, Fortenberry in the 100m

and 400m dashes, and Cannon in the long jump.

The fourth place finishers that are advancing are Elisabeth Soroe in the high jump and Lisa Cuevas in the shot put.

Seventh grader Jill Rutherford showed a lot of promise for the future as she finished fifth in both the shotput and the discus.

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A perfect stroke

J.J. Bailey of St. Stanislaus shows his winning form in a 6-1, 6-3 victory over Eric Jarvis of Picayune in the Division 7, 4-A tennis tournament held Thursday at Diamondhead.

SSC, Bay High advance in tennis

J.J. Bailey won the boys' singles title to lead St. Stanislaus to a second place finish in the Division 7, 4-A tennis tournament Thursday at Diamondhead. Bay High finished fourth.

Bailey defeated Eric Jarvis of Picayune 6-1, 6-3 for the singles title.

SSC's doubles team of Scott Wallace and Phil Marino also won a district title with a 6-2, 6-0 defeat of Michael Strahan

and John Marsh of Petal. In girls' play, Danette Frederick and Chanda Haley of Bay High lost to Katherine Blanton and Kimberly Roberts of Oak Grove in the girls doubles finals.

Frederick, Haley, Bailey, Wallace and Marino will compete in the state tournament, scheduled May 2-3 at Parham Bridges Tennis Center in Jackson.

PRCC still in post-season running

Despite posting a 10-10 South Division mark with just six regular season games remaining in 1996, Pearl River Community College's Wildcat baseball team is still in the running for post-season play.

Gulf Coast has dominated the South the entire season, but PRCC mentor Jim Nightengale says his Wildcats are in a dead heat with East Central, Hinds, Southwest and Jones for the No. 2 division spot — good enough for a post-season berth.

And with six regular-season contests remaining this year, four are against South rivals Copia-Lincoln and Hinds.

"All five of us (PRCC, East Central, Hinds, Jones, SW) are gunning for second place," Nightengale said. "But we've got to start picking up some wins."

Nightengale said all PRCC, Hinds, Jones and Southwest are all within three wins of second place, with Jones seeing five games remaining and Hinds 10.

"A lot can happen from now until the end of the regular season," he added. "Gulf Coast has pretty much run away with first place in the South, but I feel East Central is playing the best ball of anybody right now."

Nightengale said the Decatur-based Warriors haven't been swept in a double-header all season long and

"that's important in our conference. Pearl River split with EC twice this season."

Last week, PRCC helped its own cause by sweeping South rival Jones, then splitting with Southwest Saturday.

Against Jones, Petal's Brian Pierce was the winning pitcher, hurling 6 1/3 innings and allowing five runs off 14 hits, while striking out three and walking one. Doug Blank of Jennings, La., finished the afternoon, pitching 2/3 of an inning. He allowed no runs off no hits, while striking out one and walking one.

Petal's Michael Draughn, Oak Grove's Eric Langston, and Columbia's Kevin Davis paced PRCC at the plate all collecting a single and a double, while Pierce homered, Chgward Williams of Jenerette, La., doubled, Petal's Glennie Thompson had two singles, and North Forrest's Steve Cook singled.

In the second game with Jones, Brian Krammer of Wallace, Texas, collected the win in going the seven-inning distance. Krammer allowed four runs off five hits, while striking out three and walking four.

Pierce collected his second homer of the day versus Jones, while Chad Young of Purvish had two singles. Draughn and Langston doubled.

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Look for integrity in a financial professional

Integrity. Intelligence. Energy.

Warren Buffett uses these three simple factors to evaluate people. Individual investors may want to follow the advice of this internationally recognized financier.

If you're looking for a financial professional, look for someone with these three qualities — the most important of which is integrity. The world is filled with intelligent, energetic people. But if you can find an intelligent, energetic financial professional who performs his or her role with integrity, you will do well.

To identify integrity in a financial professional, ask the following questions:

Does the candidate ask questions and take notes?

No one can properly advise you unless he or she knows about you. Your personal data, such as age, marital status and number of dependents, are vital. The more financial data you are willing to share, the more your adviser can help you. For example, your income, liabilities, insurance protection and employment benefits are all

part of a financial plan. Is your candidate interested in this information?

Does the candidate help you define a specific objective? Hundreds of investments are available to satisfy a variety of objectives. A concerned professional must understand how you eventually plan to use the money. He or she needs to know how long it will be invested and whether it will be allowed to compound — these factors will determine its future value.

Your attitude toward risk also should be discussed — it sets parameters on your investment choices. All of these factors are part of your investment

objective, and your investment representative cannot recommend appropriate investments without this information.

Does the candidate suggest another meeting after collecting your information?

Professionals aren't there just to make a quick sale. They need time to consider your situation, evaluate alternatives and solve problems.

Does the candidate, after careful study, offer multiple options?

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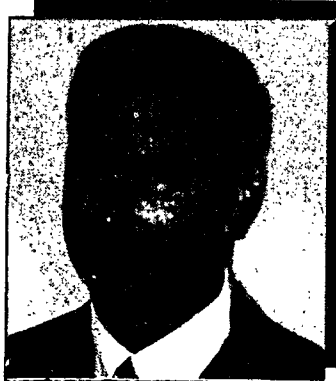
Does the candidate explain each investment and plan to your satisfaction?

Investments can be confusing, but most people can understand them if they are explained properly. In addition, every investment offers risk and reward, and your financial professional should spend equal time discussing each.

If you are told about opportunity for growth and profits, you also should be informed about risks. Your professional should make no promises about the future, but should tell you about an investment's past performance.

Also, the candidate should openly discuss all costs. Many are straightforward, while others are hidden, but they all affect the performance of your investment. Understand these costs, and be sure they are not unreasonable.

If you find an investment representative with these qualities, stick with him or her. Anyone with intelligence and energy can become a top salesperson, but it takes integrity to be a true professional.



FINANCIAL FOCUS

Submitted by Craig Foster
Edward Jones Co.

Reebok sets opening date at Gulfport Factory Shops

Gulfport Factory Shops, Mississippi's largest manufacturer's outlet center welcomes one of the top names in the industry to the center. Reebok recently committed to a June opening at Gulfport Factory Shops and will located in Phase I of the project.

On the heels of the Reebok agreement, the company immediately committed to open a Rockport Outlet as well. According to Pam Meinzinger, general manager of Gulfport Factory Shops, the motivation to open both stores was due to

their positive impression of the Gulf Coast.

"Representatives from Reebok and Rockport's corporate offices visited the property many months ago and were overwhelmed by the area. The energy, enthusiasm and the active lifestyle of the residents served as the catalyst for committing to open Reebok and Rockport outlets," said Meinzinger. "They anticipate great things at Gulfport Factory Shops, we as a community have impressed them, we are their market."

The Reebok and Rockport stores will open June 11, just in time for the summer season. Mark Hawkins, a two and a half year veteran with Reebok is transferring from their outlet store in San Marcos, Texas, where he serves as manager, to run the Gulfport shops.

In keeping with a corporate philosophy to add to the enrichment of a community, the bulk of the sales force, 20 to 25 associates, will be hired locally.

Both stores will carry men's and women's athletic foot wear and apparel. Reebok will also carry a wide array of children's athletic shoes and apparel. Items of particular interest to the area include golf shoes, golf apparel and accessory items that consist of videos, training tools, etc.

New food merchants

Broadwalk Fries & Burgers recently opened for business at Gulfport Factory Shops to an enthusiastic public. Boardwalk Fries & Burgers, a Baltimore based, national food operator has brought their specialty fries, burgers and hot dogs to the Gulf Coast.

Blimpie Subs & Salads, the newest addition to the Food Court is scheduled to open April 29. Carl LaRosa, a Long Beach native, owns the Gulfport Factory Shops operation. The menu will feature items that are low fat, low sodium and high in flavor.

Levi's, Dockers Outlet update

The recent openings of the Levi's Outlet and Dockers Outlet at Gulfport Factory Shops has been wildly successful. Both stores quietly opened their doors for business March 14. The public response was however anything but quiet. Sales started off strong, and in a few short weeks, the Levi's Outlet at Gulfport Factory Shops has proven to be a top store in its division. The success is greatly due to consumer appeal associated with the Levi's and Dockers brand.

Gulfport Factory Shops is a development of Prime Retail (NASDAQ: PRME and PRMEP) a Baltimore-based, self-administered and self-managed real estate investment trust engages in the ownership, development, construction, acquisition, leasing, marketing and management of manufacturers' outlet centers.

Prime Retail's portfolio consists of 17 operating centers in 14 states, which total more than 4.1 million square feet. Prime Retail's development philosophy is characterized by a customer-driven approach to outlet center design, management and marketing. Prime Retail has been a developer of manufacturers' outlet centers since 1988.

Winn-Dixie reports third quarter results

Winn-Dixie reports results for the third quarter of fiscal 1996. Sales for the 12 weeks ended April 3, 1996, were \$3.0 billion, a \$259.5 million increase, or 9.3% over the comparable quarter ended April 5, 1995.

For the 40 weeks ended April 3, 1996, sales were \$9.9 billion, an increase of \$1.0 billion, or 11.7% over the previous year. Identical store sales increased 3.7% for the quarter and 5.0% year-to-date. Average store sales increased 7.7% for the quarter and 9.7% year-to-date.

Net earnings for the 12 weeks ended April 3, 1996, were \$63.3 million, or \$0.42 per share, compared with \$56.9 million, or \$0.38 per share, an increase of 11.1% in dollars and 10.5% in earnings per share.

For the 40 weeks ended April 3, 1996, net earnings were \$181.6 million or \$1.20 per share, as compared with \$164.5 million, or \$1.10 per share in 1995, an increase of 10.4% in dollars and 9.1% in earnings per share.

James Kufeldt, president, Winn-Dixie Stores Inc. said, "Our results reflect our transition to operating large, one-stop

shopping marketplace combination stores that have a higher gross profit percentage and a higher expense ratio. The increase in expenses reflects increased services for our customers and depreciation from our store modernization program."

During the first 40 weeks of fiscal 1996, the company opened 49 new stores, averaging 47,800 square feet, enlarged or remodeled 103 stores and closed 44 stores averaging 29,900 square feet.

As of April 3, 1996, retail space totaled 45.5 million square feet, a 3.6% increase over the prior year. Currently there are 47 new stores under construction.

Winn-Dixie had 1,180 stores in operation on April 3, 1996, compared with 1,183 last year. The company plans to open 20 new stores and enlarge or remodel 30 stores during the fourth quarter.

Monthly dividends of 7% cents per share, a 15.4% increase over the prior fiscal year rate, were declared by the board of directors on April 1, 1996, as follows:

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Legislative Conference

The Independent Insurance Agents of America held their 20th Annual National Legislative Conference and Mid-Year Meeting in Washington, D.C. March 19-23. Conference attendees participated in insurance workshops and met with their senators and representatives. Guest speakers included Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete V. Domenici, Senate Republican Policy Committee Chairman Don Nickles and Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee Chairman Bob Kerrey. Representing Mississippi from the Gulf Coast was David Treutel Jr., left, who serves on the Mississippi association's Executive Committee and as its legislative chairman. Treutel is president of Treutel Insurance Agency in Bay St. Louis. Other pictured are Randy Adams, U.S. Rep. Mike Parker, 4th District, Kenneth Gordon and Jerry Horner.

Where can self-employed find reasonably-priced insurance?

Q. My husband is a self-employed landscaper. Our biggest problem right now is that we cannot find reasonably-priced health insurance. The policies we have seen are high-priced but don't cover much.

We have friends working for large companies whose policies cover prescriptions and only charge a small fee for doctor visits. Their premiums are still less than ours. How can we get better coverage without going to work for a big employer?

A. The difference between your coverage and your friends' is the difference between buying your insurance policy individually versus through a large group. The volume associated with a large group gives them clout that lowers the price and garners extra benefits.

To find this type coverage, the small business person needs to affiliate with a group that gives them the same type of clout. If you cannot accomplish this, you will need to re-evaluate the way you look at health insurance.

Locally, one of your best groups to investigate is the Chamber of Commerce. The Mississippi Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce uses a company called Mississippi Risk to

supply their membership with individual or group policies.

Cliff Ott with Mississippi Risk gave just one example of the type policies available.

"The policy costs this family \$140 per month. It is a major medical policy with a maximum benefit of \$2 million and 90/10 coverage. There is no deductible for hospitalization or surgeries. The deductible for this family is \$5,000 but it can range from \$250 to \$5,000.

There is a prescription drug card. With the card, medicines cost \$20 per prescription. The cost is even less for regular monthly prescriptions."

In addition to the premium cost, annual Chamber membership is currently \$175 for a self-

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Consumer Money Management Specialist



employed individual. For more information, call the Chamber at 863-2933 or Mississippi Risk at 388-5003.

Small business owners can also look into some of the national organizations related to their discipline. In your field, the American Society of Landscape Architects (800-323-2106) offers an affinity health program through Wohler's and Co. Inc. The maximum benefit is \$1 million. The plan pays 80% of most charges.

The Associated Landscape Contractors of America (703-620-6363) offers discounted health plans to its membership. It uses Arcadia Northeast (800-210-5707) as the health insurance administrator. Small and large group policies and individual policies are available. Prices vary depending upon desired coverage and location.

The American Nurseryman's Association (202-789-2900) does not offer health insurance but does provide property and liability insurance for its membership. All the landscape and nursery associations offer a wide range of services, products, and professional development opportunities in addition

to insurance. Membership costs are tied to size and gross income of the landscape business.

Your family should find a suitable insurance plan from the above choices. For those who cannot find an affinity group or Chamber of Commerce through which to buy, think in terms of covering only the catastrophic health problems through insurance.

Look for high deductibles, a reasonable premium and a high lifetime maximum benefit. Remember to take the health insurance deduction for self-employed persons on your federal income tax return. You can deduct 30% of the amount paid for health insurance on you and your family.

Cover the "so-called" small expenses, the doctor visits, the dental work, and perhaps even your prescriptions with your own medical savings account. In return, your premium won't put such a dent in your budget and you are covered for catastrophic illness.

Perhaps these medical accounts will one day be tax deductible. Even without a tax deduction, self-funding the routine bills is probably cheaper

Unemployment dips in March

March brought warmer weather to Mississippi and with it more jobs. According to today's report from the Mississippi Employment Security Commission, the state's jobless rate decreased modestly from February's 6.3 percent to 5.9 percent in March. The largest job growth over the month was in agriculture, up by 2,200 jobs, contract construction, up by 2,500, and services, up 3,500 jobs.

The jobless rate was virtually flat compared to the 5.8 percent recorded in March 1995. There were 1.25 million people in the civilian labor force in the state, lower by 3,000 from February, but 5,400 more than in March one year ago.

Employers in Mississippi provided 1,075,700 jobs in March, 4,800 more than in February and 9,200 more than March 1995.

Service producing industries grew by 21,200 jobs over the year. The services sector of that category grew by 5 percent or 11,700 jobs. Of that number, 4,100 jobs were in amusements, which includes casinos, and 3,700 were in health service. Trade was up 4,100 jobs and government, also a service producing industry, grew by 3 percent or 7,200 jobs since last March.

Agriculture showed a slight decline of about 500 jobs from last year, but goods producing industries dropped by 12,000 jobs. Manufacturing losses continued the trend of declines in apparel and textile manufacturing. Construction registered the only positive in this category, up by 5,600 jobs, or 13 percent.

The growth in construction jobs is especially good news, said Raiford Crews, MESCC's chief of labor market information.

"This is spending to improve the state's facilities. Better roads and bridges will also help provide for a better economy in the future," he said.

Review Form W-4 now

You may need to give your employer a new Form W-4, "Withholding Allowance Certificate," if too much or too little tax is being taken out of your wages.

According to the IRS, lower mortgage interest rates, and federal withholding reductions mean that some people who used to get refunds now owe money at the end of the year.

If your 1995 return showed a sizable amount due, you may want to increase the tax taken out of your paycheck. To do this, taxpayers should claim fewer withholding allowances on

their Form W-4.

On the other hand, if your refund was large, you may want to raise the number of allowances you claim so less tax will be withheld.

The result will be bigger paycheck and a smaller refund. If you expect changes in your marital status, number of dependents, or deductions, adjust your withholding to reflect these changes.

For more information on submitting a new Form W-4, call Tele-Tax toll free at 1-800-829-4477 and select topic number 753.

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Closer

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He added that the Hasty test is approved by the Environmental Protection Agency, and that Covington and Associates is the only environmental consultant firm on the Coast which uses that test. Before starting his own business in 1991, Covington worked 18 years in the same field for Exxon.

Although the city hired Covington and Associates to supervise the tank removal and

the site cleanup, the testing, the tank removal also had an expert, said Tony Pugh with ERM, a company based in Mobile. Pugh worked with McLean on the field test. The test involved a composite sample taken from different spots in the tank, and a deep pit was dug in the tank to get a

sample. The tank and the tank that were dug up are being handled by Waste Management, Covington said.

Mayor Billy McDonald watched the excavation, then commented, "I'm glad we have this done. Now we can go on and start looking at building a new post office."

"The present site (on St. Louis Street, behind the new Delchamps) is far too limited in size, and the parking lot is

always congested. People are starting to park along the sides of the street and walk in, instead of trying to get into the parking lot," he said.

"This is the last environmental hurdle we had to face, so I believe the next step will be for the Postal Service to send us an artist's rendering or some kind of plans for what they intend to put on the site," McDonald added.

Facility

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permanent facility to house juveniles or the state's Division of Public Safety might ask for the money back.

"I'm disappointed," said Hancock County Sheriff Ronald Peterson.

The sheriff said he thought the annex on Court Street was "the perfect location" since it was across the street from the Youth Services Building, and from the prisoners could be easily over from the nearby county jail.

But, the sheriff wants a house as many as 20 juveniles in a detention facility.

Peterson said if he held as many as 10 juveniles for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, the federal government would reimburse the county between \$100 and \$125 per day for each juvenile, which would more than pay the daily cost of operating a facility.

"Frankly, I don't know what the answer is," Peterson said. "I had the situation in hand," he said.

He said he thought the supervisors "were showing good faith" in trying to resolve the dilemma, reducing the chance the state might ask for a grant to be returned.

District 1 Supervisor, George "Jeep" Ladner, said he had trade, said, "I didn't expect the renovation figures to go that high." But, he added, it was always more costly to renovate an old building than to build from the ground up.

Meanwhile, supervisors still intend to go forward to move some county offices from the annex building and build a

new office building on Bay Street. The Board of Supervisors approved the plan to build a new building on Bay Street, and the plan to build a new building on Bay Street.

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Co. building and the city library. It contains 10,000 square feet of office space, parking for 63 vehicles, and handicapped access.

Plans call for the Circuit Court and Justice Court to relocate there. In addition, the

county's Civil Defense office and the state Fire Marshal's offices will move out of the annex building, along with the Food Pantry, and the satellite office maintained by 5th District U.S. Rep. Gene Taylor, D-Miss.

Orthopedic surgeon joins HMC

Dr. Robert Hillier, an orthopedic surgeon, has joined the Hancock County Health Center.

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as director of clinical research at Functional Spinal Imaging Systems.

His certifications include the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery, American Board of Neurological Orthopedic Surgery and the American Board of Industrial Medicine and Surgery.

He is a member of the American Academy of Neurological Orthopedic Surgeons and the Mississippi Orthopedic Society.

His published works include a study on the assessment of injury and disability of the lumbar spine and diagnosis and treatment of lumbar pain and dysfunction.

Dr. Hillier's office is located in the former site of the Coastal Family Health Clinic.



Dr. Robert Hillier

On ETV

Mothers March

Mother's Day is one of the saddest days of the year for the thousands of mothers around the country who have lost a child. The one-hour special, *Mothers March*, airing on ETV Tuesday, May 7 at 9 p.m., profiles four mothers who have lost a child to AIDS and who have turned their pain into action.

Mothers March introduces Beverly Rotter, Demetra Patukas, Martie Gillin and Dorothy Beam as they honor the memory of their sons and daughters by challenging government, schools, churches and neighbors to find better care — and perhaps a cure — for patients with AIDS.

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Waveland Elementary's 'Terrific Kids'



Bottom row, from left: Shauna Clark and Brittany Moore. Second row, from left: Ashley Chatman, Leanna Tran and Heidi Mayo. Third row, from left: Felicia Keyes, Deshaina Dawson, Elizabeth Stahl, Courtney Bissonnette and Kelsi Ladner. Top row, from left: Jason Lewis, David Buckley, Rebecca Krementz and Sarah Powell.



Bottom row, from left: Tyler Rogers, Christopher Thomas and Ryan Kingston. Second row, from left: Shawn Riddle, Reuben Hawkins, Wilbert Myles, Shawn Bilbo, Robert Gilbert and Mac David. Third row, from left: Jeremy Thomas, Felecia Jordan, Douglas Adams, Sean Robertson, Justin Browne and Gena James. Top row, from left: Ben Thompson and Edward Prendergast.



Bottom row, from left: Timothy Gordon, Jessica Wingfield, Lindsey Trotter and Joshua Garcia. Middle row, from left: Edward Dedeaux, Robert Necaise, Lorrin Debenport, Jessica Cordova, Stephanie Breaux and Phillip Daniels. Top row, from left: Kasie Farve, Brian Kientz, Delisa Thomas, Zachary Thompson, Tony Marino, Jamie LaFontaine and Tiffany Abbott.



Bottom row, from left: Brianna Keyes, Courtney Berthold, Bryant Wilson, Michele Burlingame and Branissa Baum. Middle row, from left: Sandi Summers, Kati Hamilton, Summer Seymour, Amber Cordova and Jerry Eckels. Top row, from left: Destin Johnson, Cody Duprey, Heather Bonnette, Nicole Eley, Travis Martin and Christopher Lynch.

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Elementaries

BREAKFAST

Monday — Juice, Breakfast Pizza or Cereal and Cheese Toast.

Tuesday — Juice, Sausage Biscuit or Cereal and Toast.

Wednesday — Juice, Cereal or Grits, Buttered Toast.

Thursday — Juice, Cereal or Scrambled Eggs, Buttered Toast.

Friday — Juice, Pancake and Sausage on a Stick or Cereal and Toast.

LUNCH

Monday — Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Butter Beans, French Fries, Peanut Butter Chews.

Tuesday — Stromboli and Pickle, Buttered Corn, Cole-slaw, Fruit Cup.

Wednesday — Chicken Nuggets, Green Salad, Cheesy Spaghetti, Broccoli and Cheese Sauce, Brownie.

Thursday — Chicken Fillet on Bun, French Fries, Stack of Trimmings, Buttered Corn, Pineapple Upside-Down Cake.

Friday — Beefaroni, Mixed Vegetables, Pineapple Delight, Hot Roll.

Bay Middle and
Bay High Schools

BREAKFAST

Monday — Juice, Breakfast Pizza or Cereal and Cheese Toast.

Tuesday — Juice, Sausage Biscuit or Cereal and Toast.

Wednesday — Juice, Cereal or Grits, Buttered Toast.

Thursday — Juice, Cereal or Scrambled Eggs, Buttered Toast.

Friday — Juice, Pancake and Sausage on a Stick or Cereal and Toast.

LUNCH

Monday — Grilled Cheese Sandwich or Beefaroi, Butter Beans, French Fries, Peanut Butter Chews, Hot Roll.

Tuesday — Stromboli and Pickle or Hot Dog and Chili, Buttered Corn, Coleslaw, Fruit Cup.

Wednesday — Corn Dog with Mustard or Roast Beef Pobo, Cheesy Spaghetti, Green Salad, Broccoli and Cheese Sauce, Brownie.

Thursday — Homemade Pizza or Chicken Fillet on Bun, French Fries, Salad or Trimmings, Buttered Corn, Pineapple Delight.

Friday — Hamburger or Chicken Nuggets, Parslied Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Pineapple Upside-Down Cake, Hot Roll.

Charles B. Murphy,

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North Central
Elementaries

BREAKFAST

Monday — Cereal, Pot Tarts, Juice.

Tuesday — Waffles and Syrup, Diced Pears.

Wednesday — Ham Biscuit, Fresh Fruit.

Thursday — Blueberry Flapsticks, Sliced Peaches.

Friday — Cheese Toast, Juice.

LUNCH

Monday — Pizza, Tossed Salad, W.K. Corn, Juice Bar.

Tuesday — Roast Beef, Rice with Gravy, Seasoned Green Beans, Pears, Hot Rolls.

Wednesday — Steak Nuggets, Creamed Potatoes with Gravy, Carrots, Pineapple Chunks, Hot Rolls.

Thursday — Chili Pie, Hashbrowns, Mixed Fruit, Cookies.

Friday — Hamburger on Bun, Lettuce, Tomatoes, French Fries, Ice Cream.

Hancock Junior/
Senior High
Schools

BREAKFAST

Monday — Cheese Toast or Cereal, Pot Tarts, Juice.

Tuesday — Blueberry Flapsticks or Waffles and Syrup,

Diced Pears.

Wednesday — Waffles with Syrup or Ham Biscuit, Fresh Fruit.

Thursday — Ham Biscuit or Blueberry Flapsticks, Sliced Peaches.

Friday — Cereal, Toast or Cheese Toast, Juice.

LUNCH

(Includes Salad Bar)

Monday — Pizza, Tossed Salad, W.K. Corn, Juice Bar or Red Beans with Rice, Smoked Sausage, Coleslaw, Juice Bar, Cornbread or Hot Dog with Chili, Baked Beans, Hashbrowns, Juice Bar.

Tuesday — Roast Beef, Rice with Gravy, Seasoned Green Beans, Pears, Hot Rolls or Burritos, Hashbrowns, Pear or BBQ Rib on Bun, French Fries, Pears.

Wednesday — Steak Nuggets, Creamed Potatoes with Gravy, Carrots, Pineapple Chunks, Hot Rolls of Pizza, Tater Tots, Pineapple Chunks or Burritos, Hashbrowns, Pineapple Chunks.

Thursday — Chili Pie, Hashbrowns, Mixed Fruit, Cookies or Meat Sauce with Spagetti, English Peas, Mixed Fruit, Hot Rolls or Corn Dogs, Seasoned Fries, Mixed Fruit.

Friday — Hamburger on Bun, Lettuce, Tomatoes, French Fries, Ice Cream or Pizza, French Fries, Tossed Salad, Ice Cream or Catfish, Scalloped Potatoes, English Peas, Ice Cream, Hot Rolls.

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LIST

First Grade: Troy Beech, Hillary Brasfield, Cassie Cuevas, Aaron Ishee, Michelle Lowry, John Williams.

Second Grade: Jesse Clark, Michael Harshbarger, John Ladner, Leann Ladner, Morgan Ladner, Heather McArthur, Jessica Walters.

Third Grade: None.

Fourth Grade: Cory Ladner, Katie Patridge.

Fifth Grade: Jennifer Ladner, Heather Mullins, Sherita Paige, Cassidi Shelton.

PRINCIPAL'S LIST

First Grade: Sterling Brown, Michelle Dedeaux, Amy Edwards, Dustin Furby, Daniel Gardner, Joshua Guerick, Jennifer Jones, Tara Krepis, Grant Kuhn, Casey Ladner, Kara Moore, Danielle Necaise, Ariel Ozone, Brendlyn Russell, Jack Rutherford, Patricia Stamate, Brett Starcher, Ashley Thames.

Second Grade: Allison Albrect, Jon Amacker, Jillian Anderson, Jaren Bowser, Ashley Dubuisson, Christian East, Megan Helveston, Robert Hunter, Danielle John, Erin Ladner, Kodie Ladner, Denise Lizana, Kristina Malley, Jeremy Miller, Amber Moran, Zachary Newman, Derek Palmer, Kyle Patridge, Jeremy Walters, Blake Williams.

Third Grade: Joey Cuevas, Dakota Dauner, Meagan Dubuisson, Jessica Kloepper, Sara Ladner, Brandon Miller, Brandon Price, Sarah Richard, Zachary Vogt, Warren Yocom.

Fourth Grade: Janel Cohen, Tandra Dedeaux, Kevin Gallagher, Sarah Jordan, Chase Kuhn, Brandi Necaise, Katie Pavolini, Bonnie Taquino.

Fifth Grade: Casie Alexander, Christine Armato, Ashley Cornell, Heather Cuevas, Kendra Cuevas, Brandon Cutrer, Danielle Dedeaux, April Dubuisson, Brady Ladner, John Ladner, DeLise McKay, Kaysha Moore, Anthony Rhoades, Troy White, Dana Wilson, Natasha Yocom.

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1st Grade: Raoul Boughton, Kythe Hall, Racquel Ritter.

2nd Grade: Drew Giveans, Jessica Pacheco, Teresa Smith, Megan Walters.

3rd Grade: Rachael Diaz, Maressa Riley.

4th Grade: Aliana Smith.

5th Grade: David Breland, Leslie Ladmirault, Sarah Wilkinson.

6th Grade: Kreshelle Nicholson, Janelle Sonnier.

PRINCIPAL'S LIST

1st Grade: Anthony Anderson, Theresa Burnett, Brandon Crowe, Brein (B.Z.) Hennessey, Glenn Pearson, Allison Price, Ryan Smith.

2nd Grade: April Crowe, Kriket Diaz, Carlos Green, Robert Jackson, Natalie Jones, Andrew Zeringue.

3rd Grade: Jasmine Burton,

Our Lady
AcademyHONOR ROLL
THIRD QUARTER

ALL As

7th Grade: Elizabeth Chilimigras, Katie Dennis, Mary McConnell, Huyen Nguyen, Nora Oliver, Jill Rutherford.

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9th Grade: Patricia Williams.

10th Grade: Laura Flores, Libby Floyd, Anna Greene, Margie Harris, Mary Nguyen.

11th Grade: Erin Favre, Emily Pela, Yvonne Salloum, Kathryn Scaife.

12th Grade: Debbie Benigno, Melissa Knight.

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9th Grade: Mia Alexander, Eleonore Bernadas, Shay Coss, Michelle Cuevas, Leslie Esher, Terry Fulford, Lacey Sahuque, Julie

Sellier, Alissa Stechman, Ashley Vinnett.

10th Grade: Emily Alford, Kristen Gilmore, Francis Hamilton, Page Harder, Rebecca Landry, Meredith Quinlan, Beverly Sy, Rebecca Walley.

11th Grade: Maria Joyner, Melissa Ridgeway, Sarah Taylor, Unita Twigg, Amanda Vaughn.

12th Grade: Lisa Cuevas, Monique Hazeur, Marion Labat, Jessica Lytle, Karen Parker, Christy Richard, Sara Smolensky.

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8th Grade: Ashley Blappert, Kathleen Currie, Meaghan Donohoe, Lana Fillingame, Sarah Johnson, Holly Kirby, Christie Klein, Jami Murray, Jodi Myers, Karryl Russell, Katie Stahl, Thuy Tran, Kristin Wilkinson, Alicia Ziegeler.

9th Grade: Leslie Bennett, Colleen Bohn, Aimee Boudreaux, Erin Bourg, Dara DiGerolamo, Jeanie Fortenberry, Kim Frazier, Kristyn Kolb, Sheri Ladner, Kimberly Martin, Katie Muir, Diana Nguyen, Melissa Niolet, Anne-Marie Perina, Jennifer Rader, Christine Rivera, Olivia Willis.

10th Grade: Ashley Artigues, Bethany Balentine, Mary Coludrovich, Sally Dane, Kristine Debenport, Jessica Keller, Kieu Nguyen, Elizabeth Soree, Katy Werby.

11th Grade: Kristina Beuckens, Annie Boelte, Adrienne Bradley, Elizabeth Byrne, Corinne Carver, Anne Marie Cockfield, Rasa DiGerolamo, Paula Estapa, Nadia Fairconnetue, Vicki McDonald, Lauren Tusa, Noel Twigg.

12th Grade: Leah Boelte, Danette Bourgeois, Sarah Breerwood, Jamie Chinihe, Lindy Heitzmann, Kellie Hille, Leora Madden, Mary Munger, Vandana Passi, Holly Smith, Caroline Weems.

TSA students elect officers

The Technology Student Association (TSA) is a national organization devoted to the advancement of technology in schools. The Hancock County Vo-Tech Chapter competed in a variety of activities in Ellisville at the Region IV TSA Conference. Activities at these conferences challenge students in a variety of engineering areas, including aerospace design, computer-aided drafting and design, computer construction, engineering graphic analysis, extemporaneous speech, graphic design, job application and interview, structural engineering and safety illustration. The competitions help students gain effective leadership skills. Officers elected include, from left, Jolene Page, president; Long Tran, treasurer; Thomas Provencio, sergeant-at-arms, and Rick Saucier, TSA sponsor. Not pictured are Robert Johnson, vice president; Troy Smith, secretary; and Dana Fricke, reporter.

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Service Corps of Retired Executives

Chapter 130, Service Corps of Retired Executives, will present a workshop on Developing Your Own Business Tuesday, May 14, in the conference room on the 4th floor of Hancock Bank building, Gulfport.

The workshop is for business people interested in operating their businesses more efficiently. Speakers include Annabel Hagood discussing customer relations, John S. Hall speaking on financial management, Emily W. Soares discussing business regulations, records, taxes, insurance and licenses, and Judi Adcock describing U.S. Small Business Administration assistance programs that are available.

Hagood is professor emeritus, speech communication, University of Alabama; Hall is vice president and commercial loan officer, Hancock Bank; Soares is a certified public accountant; and Adcock is a loan specialist.

Ray Irby, program chairman, said the workshop will be from 9 a.m.-noon. Registration fee is \$15 in advance, payable to SCORE, c/o U.S. Small Business Administration, One Government Plaza, Suite 203, Gulfport, MS 39501, or \$20 at the door May 14. Hancock Bank is sponsoring the program.

Additional information: Ray Irby, 897-6011 or SCORE, 863-4449.

John Rouse, chairman of Chapter 130, has appointed J. J. Hayden, Pass Christian, to chair a speakers' bureau for the chapter. Hayden announced that SCORE volunteers Lorey Lizana, Anabel Hagood, Col. Lawrence Roberts, Hank Schwager and Charles Lynch have agreed to serve as speakers.

They will be available to present information about SCORE services to people interested in starting new businesses and to new business owners seeking counseling services about various aspects of their businesses.

Clubs and organizations wishing to schedule one of these speakers for a program may contact Score at 863-4449 or Hayden at 452-4110.

Gather Ye Rosebuds

"Gather Ye Rosebuds" welcomes Rosemary Sims, garden consultant, writer and founding president of the New Orleans Old Garden Rose Society to the Thursday, April 25 meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Hancock County Historical Society's Kate Lobrano House on Cue Street in Bay St. Louis.

Sims will be presenting a slide show entitled "A White Garden in the Gulf South." Club members invite all interested gardeners to attend. For information, call M. Richard at 467-3008.

8/40 Harrison County Salon 218

A meeting of the 8/40 Harrison County Salon 218 was held at American Legion Post 139 in Bay St. Louis April 25.

The 14 members present adopted a new Salon constitution and bylaws and standing rules presented by Phyllis Moran, Demi Chapeau.

Chapeau Marius Ladner announced there will be a raffle on a large red, white and blue wreath, hand-made by Marian Fouché. All proceeds will go to two small children with cystic fibrosis whom the Salon has pledged to assist with their medical expenses. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets may call Mattie North, children and youth chairman, at 467-5770.

In the absence of Departmental Chapeau Lucille Boudreaux, Janet Aime, State Department secretaire and caissere announced plans are being formulated for the annual Department Marche to be held in Bay St. Louis in August.

Due to the large number of members located in both the Bay St. Louis area and in Harrison County, monthly meetings are alternated between Post 139 in Bay St. Louis and Post 119 in Gulfport. The next meeting will be at Post 119 in Gulfport May 30 at 7 p.m.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 139

April 21, the American Legion Auxiliary Ninth District met at the American Legion Post home, Unit 119, in Gulfport. Present were members from Units 139, 77, 119, 160 and 225.

The ladies of the Auxiliary State Department who came for this occasion: President Janice Carver, 1st Vice-President Rosemary Merriman; 2nd Vice-President Billie Gordon; Historian Tommie Straud; Chaplain Billie Burke; Department Security Edna Howe; NEC Marchetta Peetz, alternate NEC Bessie Ladner; 6th District President Edna Howe; and 7th District President Dot Langley. The state past presidents were Gladys Bassett of Pascagoula, Lou Wilkerson and Phyllis Moran of Bay St. Louis, and Marchetta Peetz and Bessie Ladner of Gulfport.

The new slate of officers for the coming year are: President Janet Aime; Vice-President Molly Pemberton of Unit 160, Pascagoula, was installed by State President Janice Carver; the president will be installed at the state convention in Tupelo in July.

The luncheon was prepared and served by the members of Unit 119.

April 23, the auxiliary had its annual Bingwich party for the veterans in the VA hospital in Gulfport. VAVS Chairman Shirley Cox and volunteers prepared a luncheon, which was enjoyed by all.

Ladies serving were Shirley Cox, Shirley Breaux, Betty LaFontaine, Margie Leech, Phyllis Moran, Janelle Necaise, Mattie North, Charlotte Sellers, Roslyn Weathers and Hazel Wohlschlegel. Post members helping were Gus Aime, George Breaux, Jack LaFontaine and Royce Peters.

Roslyn Weathers entertained the veterans with songs. Also, bingo was played for prizes prepared for this occasion.

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Hancock County Republican Women

Hancock County Republican Women will host a dinner meeting at Shoney's in Waveland Thursday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m. For information, call Pat at 255-4181.

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TOPS MS 233 Waveland met Tuesday, April 23 at the Waveland Public Library. Rhonda was the week's best loser with 4 1/2 pounds. Rhonda received a charm for losing 60 pounds. Two new members joined the club, Tracy and Mable. Members who went to SRD came home with awards. Ruth was queen runner-up and was honored for perfect attendance. Karen received a charm for perfect resume for weight recording. Debbie received a special two-year Kops charm, and Bev placed second in most improved.

TOPS MS 233 meets every Tuesday. Weigh-ins are from 5-5:45 p.m. with the meeting immediately following weigh-in.

Anyone interested in losing weight the sensible way and maintaining that weight loss is welcome to visit the TOPS chapter.

Interested persons are invited to call Ruth at 466-9880 for information.

Marine Corps League

The Marine Corps League, Gulf Coast Detachment, will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m., May 8 at the Good Life Apartment, 115 South Beach, Bay St. Louis. Officers for the coming year will be installed.

All Marines, active, former and retired are welcome. Call 864-5119 for information.

Hope Haven, home for abandoned and abused children in Bay St. Louis was \$1,147 richer this month as Marines from the Mississippi Coast Detachment of the Marine Corps League raised funds at a can shake on Hwy. 90 Apr. 6.

Karl Aderer, Ernie Beckemeyer III, Jim Hill, Spike Hennessey, Robert Ladner, Pete Manieri, R. B. Peterson and Charlie Zachariah participated in this community activity.

Honor Society students

Fifty-one University of Southern Mississippi students from the Mississippi Gulf Coast area will be inducted into the Gamma Beta Phi national honor society April 16.

About 340 USM students accepted an invitation to join Gamma Beta Phi this spring, bringing the campus chapter's membership to more than 1,000.

The Oak Ridge, Tenn.-based organization, open to students ranking in the top 20 percent of their class, stresses academic excellence, community service and good character.

Inductees from Bay St. Louis are Abry Von Liebig, 22, senior criminal justice major, son of Merrell and Roxana Moore; Dawn M. Sagers, 20, sophomore kinesiotherapy major, daughter of Shirley Sagers and the late Samuel Sagers; Jon T. Thriffliey, 21, senior environmental biology major, son of James and Jean Ann Thriffliey III; and Carol S. Wallace, 33, graduate studying marriage and family therapy, daughter of Maurice and Georgia Singleton Sr.

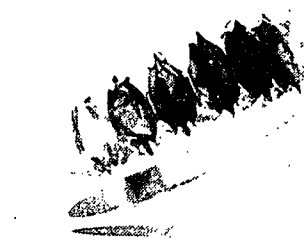
Pass Christian inductees are James E. Reeves, 53, senior special education major, son of Marjorie Reeves and the late George Reeves; and Melissa A. Scholes, 19, sophomore pre-medicine major, daughter of Jerry Scholes and Maureen Heller.

Other inductees from the Gulf Coast area are Lauren Barnes of Diamondhead, 20, junior English/pre-law major, daughter of Michael and Gwin Barnes; and Lisa A. McDonald of Waveland, 27, junior psychology major, daughter of Herman Potts and Rita Edwards.

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USM safety training courses

The University of Southern Mississippi and the American Red Cross are offering nine certification courses through the Mississippi Health and Safety Training School May 28-June 4.

Participants can get training for instructor or basic skills certification in the 8 a.m.-5 p.m. classes at USM's Payne Center. Registration deadline is May 17. Certification is offered in:

— **Red Cross Water Safety Instructor, Lifeguard Training and Waterfront Lifeguarding**, May 28-June 4. The course provides instructor candidates with skills needed to teach all American Red Cross swimming courses.

Water Safety Instructor certification is awarded upon successful completion. A lifeguard training certificate and a Waterfront Lifeguarding certificate are also issued.

Applicants must be at least 17, in sound physical condition and have completed Level VI swimming skills.

Costs are \$200 for students staying overnight and \$150 for commuters.

— **Red Cross Lifeguarding Instructor, Lifeguard Training, Waterfront Instructor and Waterfront Lifeguarding**, May 28-June 4. This course provides instructor candidates with skills to teach Lifeguard Training (including first aid), Waterfront Lifeguarding, CPR and the Professional Rescuer, Lifeguard Instructor Aide and Community Water Safety.

Applicants must be at least 17, in sound physical condition and be able to perform various swimming exercises. Costs are \$200 for overnighters and \$150 for commuters.

— **Red Cross Lifeguard Training and Waterfront Lifeguarding**, May 28-June 4. This course provides participants with skills needed to become lifeguards at pools and non-surf waterfronts.

Applicants must be at least 15, in sound physical condition

and able to perform various swimming exercises. Costs are \$200 for overnighters and \$150 for commuters.

— **Community First Aid and Safety/CPR for the Professional Rescuer Instructor**, May 28-June 1. Successful candidates will be able to train individuals in all First Aid/CPR courses.

The curriculum includes blood-borne pathogen training; emergency action principles; primary and secondary survey; rescue breathing; procedures for clearing obstructions; and CPR skills.

Applicants must be at least 17. Costs are \$150 for overnighters and \$100 for commuters.

— **Emergency Response Instructor**, May 28-June 4. This course will prepare the instructor candidate with the information and knowledge to conduct the Emergency Response course, the CPR-FPR course and the Preventing Disease Transmission and Oxygen Administration Modules.

Applicants must be at least 17 and have completed a pre-course session of written and skills evaluation from the Emergency Response Course. Costs are \$200 for overnighters and \$150 for commuters.

— **Red Cross HIV/AIDS Instructor**, May 28-31. This course will provide HIV/AIDS instructors with the knowledge necessary to teach the new Basic HIV/AIDS program. Applicants must be at least 17 and have completed HIV/AIDS Instructor Application. Costs are \$125 for overnighters and \$75 for commuters.

— **Fundamentals of Canoeing**, May 28-31. Participants will learn about knots, paddling, rescues, craft handling and essential canoeing skills.

This course includes a canoe trip out of camp. Applicants must be able to enter deep water and swim, tread water or float unassisted for three



Five generations

Agnel Stiglet with his daughter Jessie Gardner, his grandson John Bilbo, great-grandson Jason Bilbo and great-great-granddaughter Mary Kay Bilbo. Mr. Stiglet celebrated his 90th birthday April 15.

minutes. Costs are \$125 for overnighters and \$75 for commuters.

— **Fundamentals of Canoeing Instructor**, May 28-June 1. This course includes a review basic skills and practice teaching others. Applicants must be at least 17 and currently certified in Fundamentals of Canoeing or show ability at an

equivalent skill level. Costs are \$150 for overnighters and \$100 for commuters.

— **Health and Safety Instructor Systems Instructor Trainer (IT) Training**, May 28-June 4. This course teaches the responsibilities of being an IT and sets the stage for further training.

Applicants must be recom-

mended by their Red Cross chapter and a supervisory committee. Costs are \$200 for overnighters and \$150 for commuters.

For information, contact USM's Department of Continuing Education at (601) 266-4186.

Hancock schools public planning

The public is invited to attend Federal Programs planning sessions for the 1996-97 school term.

Guidelines and effectiveness of current programs are also slated for discussion at the following Hancock County schools:

All sessions
May 7

Gulfview Elementary, 8 a.m.
Charles B. Murphy Elementary, 10 a.m.

Hancock N. Central Elementary, 1 p.m.

Hancock High School, 8 p.m.

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Title I, Help Disadvantaged Children Meet High Standards

Title II, Professional Development

Title IV, Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities

Title VI, Innovative Education Strategies

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Business Review

Advertorial

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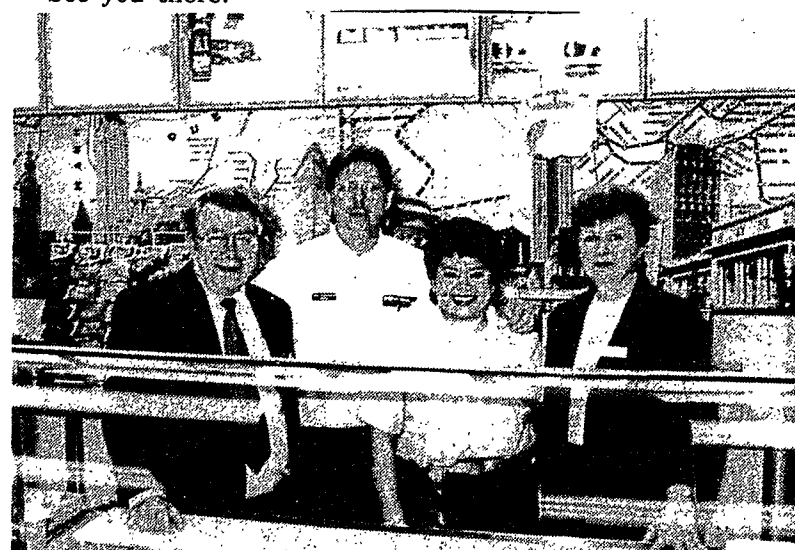
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The store features a Subway Sandwich Shop which serves made-to-order submarine sandwiches as well as salads. In addition to hot and cold subs, Highway 603 Subway serves breakfast sandwiches from 6:00 AM till 11:00 AM every day. The breakfast menu includes as oversized Jimmy Dean sausage and egg biscuit as well as freshly baked cinnamon rolls. (A perfect match to that delicious, freshly ground coffee.) While you are there, be sure to fill up your tank with Exxon gasoline. The pumps feature credit card readers for when you have no time to spare and a covered canopy enables you to pump your gasoline and stay dry in the most inclement of weather. The new store is also handicap accessible and has in-store cameras for the safety of their valued customers as well as employees.

May 2nd through the 5th, Highway 603 Exxon/Subway will be celebrating their grand opening with many in-store specials. Purchase a 12 pack of Coca Cola for only \$2.50 or a 12 pack of Budweiser for only \$7.99. On Friday and Saturday, May 3rd and 4th from 11:00 AM till 7:00 PM, buy one footlong Subway sandwich and get one footlong of equal or lesser value FREE! On Friday and Saturday, the Subway Man will be there as well as the Exxon Tiger.

Saturday, May 4th is Family Fun Day from 11:00 AM till 3:00 PM. A huge celebration is planned. There will be a moonwalk ride for the kids and a visit from "Biff the Clown" with free balloons for the children and more. A live radio remote from 97.9 is scheduled with lots of giveaways. Free CD's, bumper stickers, concert tickets and a chance to win \$1,000.00 on the "Jackpot Machine" is what is in store for visitors. Exxon gasoline giveaways and free T-shirts, hats, huggies, tiger tails and more will be given away. Come meet the Miller Girls from 1:00 to 3:00 PM that day.

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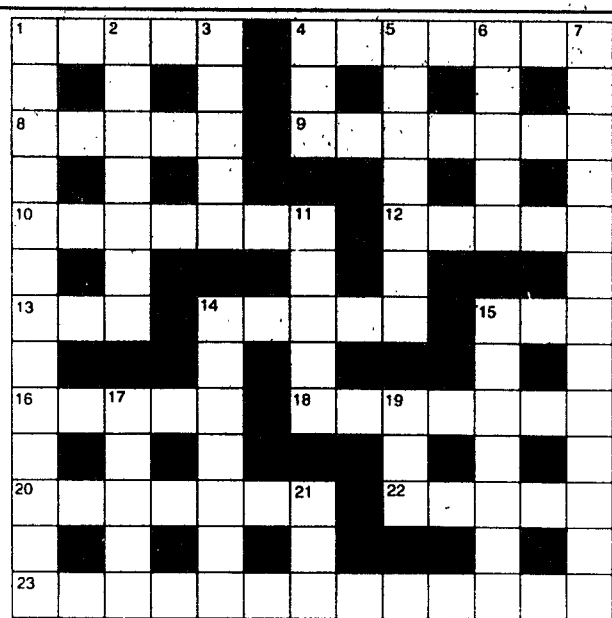
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Run aground
4. Unbelief
8. Metrical feet, It.
9. Seismic scale
10. Many noises
12. Japanese mushroom
13. Teams association, abbr.
14. Indian dresses
15. A "dirty dog"
16. Adjusts
18. Musical movement
20. Wind instrument
22. Ship's deck
23. Passes inspection

CLUES DOWN

1. Wedding V.I.P.'s
2. Commander of a fleet
3. Japanese verse form
4. Swiss river
5. Unskilled persons
6. Opening statement
7. After 1 down
11. Gulf in the Aegean
14. Cowards
15. Flower part
17. Taken _____ (surprised)
19. Health group, abbr.
21. Express pleasure

SOLUTIONS ACROSS

1. Beach
4. Atheism
8. Iambi
9. Richter
10. Earfuls
12. Enoki
13. NFL
14. Saris
15. Cad
16. Gears
18. Scherzo
20. Ocarina
22. Orlop
23. Makes the grade

SOLUTIONS DOWN

1. Bride and groom
2. Admiral
3. Haiku
4. Aar
5. Hackers
6. Intro
7. Married couple
11. Saros
14. Sissies
15. Corolla
17. Aback
19. HMO
21. Aah

Walter Anderson Museum offers 'free day' May 5

The Walter Anderson Museum of Art opened its doors in May of 1991, the fulfillment of a dream for a dedicated organization known as The Friends of Walter Anderson.

On Sunday, May 5, the museum celebrates its fifth anniversary of its opening with a day of free activities.

The celebration will include free admission to the museum from 1-5 p.m. Activities include the "Big Five" Celebration:

1-2 p.m., Children's art activities, mural painting and sidewalk chalk art

1:30-2 p.m., Storytelling by The Merry Mythmaker

2-2:30 p.m., Birthday cake and punch

2:30-3:30 p.m., Children's art activities, mural painting and sidewalk chalk art

3:30-4 p.m., Storytelling by The Merry Mythmaker
Visitors will also be able to view "First Moon," a 37-minute video recreating the 15-day celebration of the Chinese New Year. The video has won four awards, including the red ribbon of the American Film and Video Festival, and is suitable for all ages.

The current exhibit, "The Good Earth: Folk Art and Artifacts from the Chinese Countryside," features Chinese paintings, decorative items, clothing and toys in conjunction with watercolors, drawings and writing done by Walter Anderson while he was in China. The exhibit is sponsored by Lady Luck Casino Biloxi and is on display through May 29.

Rodeo coming May 3-4

The 11th annual USM Coca-Cola Classic Rodeo is scheduled May 3-4 at the University of Southern Mississippi Equestrian Center.

Debbie Blakeney of B-95 radio, a native of Laurel, an avid equestrian since childhood, will serve as 1996 grand marshal.

Harper Morgan Rodeo Company, producer of the Dixie National Rodeo, once again will

produce the USM Coca-Cola Classic Rodeo, a PRCA and WPRA sanctioned event.

Cowboys and cowgirls from across the country annually compete for thousands of dollars in prize money and National Finals Rodeo points in the event.

For ticket information, contact USM's Division of Recreational Sports at 266-5405.

Blueberry Jubilee set for June 8

The 13th Annual Blueberry Jubilee will be Saturday, June 8 in downtown Poplarville.

"Come join us for a full day of fun, entertainment, good food, arts and crafts, a Storyteller's Festival, a 5K run, a tour of his-

toric homes, wagon rides to the USDA small fruit research station, and down-home Southern hospitality," said spokesman Jeanne Sanders.

For information, call 601-795-4352.

'Age of romance' comes to Noma

The age of medieval knights and Renaissance kings comes alive in the new exhibition *Romance and Chivalry: History and Literature Reflected in Early 19th Century French Painting*, on view at the New Orleans Museum of Art from June 22-Aug. 25.

Organized by Guy Stair Sainty, president of Stair Sainty Matthiesen, a New York-based gallery specializing in Old Master and 19th century painting, the exhibition is the first in America to concentrate on the influence of post-classical history and literature on French painting in the first half of the 19th century.

Featuring 60 paintings by such great French masters as J. A. D. Ingres and Eugene Delacroix, the show includes paintings by many artists unknown outside France.

Paintings in the exhibition are lent by private and public collections in the United States and Europe, including the Musee Napoleon, Arenenberg, Switzerland; The Kimball Art Museum, Fort Worth, Texas; and the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

The age of chivalry — the Middle Ages and the Renaissance — inspired much of the 19th century's most romantic painting, literature and music. Stories of gallantry, adventure and romance, evocative settings and colorful characters appealed to a diverse range of artists. During the early 19th century, intimate, narrative paintings that dealt with individual passions came to be preferred over the heroically scaled and idealized pictures typical of Neoclassicism.

The medieval, or Gothic, revival was international in scope and affected architecture and the decorative arts as well as painting and sculpture.

A taste for medievalizing style began after the French Revolution and was led by the Empress Josephine, who patronized, among others, the so-called *troubadour* painters. Perhaps the most significant encouragement was the Bourbon Restoration that followed Napoleon's abdication in 1814.

After King Louis XVIII's resumption of the throne, artistic representations of the virtues of the monarchy become popular again, having fallen into disfavor during the Revolutionary era.

Painters' newly awakened

interest in French history often focused upon stories of past monarchs, which coincided with the prevalent royalist mood. This revivalist movement continued during the July Monarchy (1830-1848) and into the Second Empire period.

In addition to selecting subject matter from the Middle Ages and Renaissance, the *troubadour* painters worked in a meticulously detailed and jewel-toned style that evokes the exquisite craftsmanship of medieval manuscript painting. But the unifying factor of this exhibition is not a painting style, but rather the subject matter.

In addition to French and the closely related English history, French painters of the early 19th century were influenced by the "modern," or post-classical, literature of Shakespeare, Dante, Goethe, Byron, and, especially, Sir Walter Scott.

Romance and Chivalry covers diverse subjects, including French history and the lives of the kings, British history, the lives of artists and literary subjects, taking inspiration from such classics as Dante's *Inferno* and Shakespeare's *Othello*, as well as the role played by women as subject matter, artists and patrons. The intrinsic beauty of the pictures in *Romance and Chivalry* will be complemented by an abundance of evocative references to European history and literature.

Reflecting growing critical interest in America and Europe, *Romance and Chivalry* coincides with another, more exhaustive exhibition on this period of French art, titled *Les anneés romantiques: La Peinture française de 1815 à 1850*, to be presented in Paris at the Grand Palais from April 16 to July 16, 1996. After its initial showing in New Orleans, *Romance and Chivalry* travels to the Stair Sainty Matthiesen Gallery in New York (Sept. 25-Nov. 1) and The Taft Museum in Cincinnati (Dec. 13-Feb. 7).

A fully illustrated catalogue with scholarly essays by leading American and French historians on the painting, decorative arts, literature, opera and theater of the period is available from the Noma Museum Shop.

Special events during the

exhibition will include a concert of Troubadour music by the New Orleans group Musica da Camera on Sunday, June 23 at 2 p.m., and a lecture by Sharon Stearns, Noma associate curator for European art, on Sunday, June 30 at 3 p.m. Both events, in Noma's Stern Auditorium, are free with museum admission.

The museum is open Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission prices are \$6 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens and \$3 for children ages 3-17.

In addition to *Romance and Chivalry*, the museum's permanent collection is always on display, including its extensive survey of French Art.

Museum highlights include works by Degas, Monet, Picasso and more; Asian, Oceanic and African arts; an extensive collection of decorative arts, including antique furniture, porcelains, silver and glassware; and the Faberge Gallery.

Also available to visitors are snacks and meals in the Courtyard Cafe, and in the Museum Shop, a great selection of gifts and books in addition to the exhibition catalogue.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery Hutchison

Karen Marie Dieck and Jeffery Quinton Hutchison were married April 27 at Wayside Manor in Rockford, Tenn.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Joseph Dieck of New Orleans and Mrs. Henrietta Lazar of Waveland.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. Francis "Hutch" Hutchison of Marietta, Ga.

After a honeymoon in the Smoky Mountains, the couple will reside in Mobile, Ala.

Following the couple's return to Mobile, receptions in their honor will take place in Baton Rouge, Marietta and Mobile.

The bride is a graduate of Our Lady Academy and is employed at Ruby Tuesday Inc. as a marketing coordinator.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Osborne High School in Marietta. He is also employed at Ruby Tuesday Inc. with the Training and Human Resource Departments.

BIRTHS

SEAN MICHAEL PENEGUY JR.

Mr. and Mrs. Sean M. Peneguy of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their third child, Sean Michael Jr., April 14, 1996 at 10:10 p.m. at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport.

He weighed 6 pounds, 8 1/2 ounces.

Mrs. Peneguy is the former Charlene Seals.

Maternal grandparents are Charles Seals and the late Norma Jean Seals.

Maternal great-grandparents are Hubert and Edna Seals of Picayune and Everett and Norma Lee Letort of Biloxi.

Paternal grandparents are Ann and Dick Peneguy of Pass Christian.

Paternal great-grandmother is Josephine Hopkins of Pass Christian.

Items needed for Exchange Club auction

The Exchange Club of Hancock County — a local affiliate of the national organization of men and women who joined together to voluntarily serve their community in a wide range of humanitarian and patriotic activities — will be hosting its 7th annual Fun Rais'n Auction Friday, May 3 at the Hancock County Civic Center (Fairgrounds) on Longfellow Drive.

Proceeds from the auction help support the Exchange Club's Family/Child Center here on the Coast, in addition to other charitable endeavors.

Mike Haas Jr., auction chairman, stated, "We are asking all businesses, artists and others in the community to help us as they have in the past. We're asking that they donate pro-

ducts or services of any type and value to be auctioned, and donors will receive recognition of their participation during the auction."

Exchange Club members will be contacting area businesses and individuals requesting participation during then next few days.

Food and beverages will be available. Live entertainment will be by Hoda & The Country Sounds.

Items to be auctioned may be viewed prior to the auction starting at 5:30 p.m. The auction is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

For more information regarding this event or your participation in the event, call Haas at 467-6574.

YMCA Activities Center

The Long Beach-Pass Christian YMCA Youth Activity Center has a new schedule of activities for children 2-13 years. Spring and summer registration is going on now.

The Little Critters Preschool is open Monday-Friday, 6 a.m.-6 p.m. The program is available now, so call the Y to make reservations for the summer or fall.

The YMCA offers swim lessons for all ages.

Baby and Me classes are for children 6 months to 3 years and their parents. Its purpose is to teach parents how to teach their children basic water skills and safety.

Skippers classes are for kids 3-5 years. They learn to blow bubbles, kick, do arm strokes and back float.

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Other special activities this summer will include archery, stocking play, leather tool crafting, field trips (skating, movies, fishing, water slide, bowling) arts and crafts and swimming.

All Prime Time counselors are college students, 18 or older, who meet YMCA child care qualifications and experience requirements.

Hours of operation for Prime Time are 6 a.m.-6 p.m. Registration for Prime Time is going on now.

The Long Beach-Pass Christian YMCA Youth Activity Center is located at 20134 Pineville Road in Long Beach. For information, call 864-1223.

'Relay for Life' seeks cancer survivors

The Hancock County unit of the American Cancer Society will co-host a "Relay for Life" Saturday, May 4 at the Seabee Base in Gulfport.

Hundreds of participants from across the Coast will walk, run or crawl for 12 hours to

raise money for the American Cancer Society.

The relay will kick off at 9 a.m. with a cancer survivors lap to honor those who have battled cancer. Cancer survivors from Hancock County are needed for this event.

Honor walkers need not be a member of a participating team.

To honor a cancer survivor and remember those who lost the battle against cancer, a luminaria lighting will take place after sundown.

To sign up for the survivors lap, purchase luminaria or join a team, please call Cecilia at 467-5473, Anne at 467-0397 or Kelly at 896-7024 for more information.

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Scianna honored

Vicki Scianna, RN, OCN, oncology unit coordinator at Memorial Hospital Northwest has been awarded the 1996 Robert C. Hanna Outstanding Caregiver Award by the Memorial Healthcare System. Scianna, center, is pictured with the award's namesake, Robert C. Hanna, right, former chairman of the Memorial Healthcare System board of directors, and Dan S. Wilford, Memorial's president and CEO.

Former Bay resident named outstanding caregiver

Vicki Scianna, RN, OCN, oncology unit coordinator at Memorial Hospital Northwest in Houston, has been awarded the Robert C. Hanna Outstanding Caregiver Award from the Memorial Healthcare System.

Scianna was honored during Memorial's annual employee service award banquet Feb. 27 at Houston's J. W. Marriott Hotel. She is the daughter-in-law of Bay St. Louis Councilman Charles Scianna.

Scianna, 38, has been a nurse with Memorial for the past three years, first working in orthopedic surgery and oncology, then being named the nursing coordinator when the oncology unit opened at Memorial Northwest two years ago. She was nominated by her peers for this award, which is given

annually to the person responsible for direct patient care who most exemplified Memorial's commitment to quality and compassionate care. It is named for Robert C. Hanna, past chairman of Memorial Healthcare System board of directors. Scianna was among 20 nominees for this year's award.

Known for her unending energy and enthusiasm, Scianna shows a continuing desire to help patients in any way possible, especially those battling cancer.

One example of Scianna's constant efforts to go out of her way for her patients involved a woman suffering from breast cancer who wanted to get her United States citizenship before she died.

Scianna made calls to the Immigration and Naturalization Services on her patient's behalf. She also arranged for a celebration in the patient's room.

Delays prevented the paperwork from being finalized before the woman died.

In addition to being a full-time nurse, Scianna is also a mother to two children. She has a 17-year-old son, Shawn, and a 12-year-old daughter, Blair, who is severely handicapped. Her experiences with her daughter helped guide Scianna's desire to work with oncology patients.

"I can relate to hearing bad news from your doctor, and I know what it's like to have your lifestyle drastically changed by something you have no control over," she says.

"That's what these families are going through, and I want to be there for them and let them know I understand their feelings," she adds.

Vicki Stewart met her future husband, Kenneth Scianna, while in school in their native Mississippi. They eloped, started a family and career and moved to Houston 10 years ago. They live in the Cy-Fair area in Northwest Houston with their two children. Their families, including Scianna's twin sister, are still back in Mississippi.

Bay author pens dramatic story

Burning Roses, a well researched book by Barbara Bernard, a part-time resident of Bay St. Louis, is a true story her mother told her shortly before her death in 1988.

Burning Roses is disguised as a historic novel to protect the author of legal harassments from certain family members of some of the characters.

Most of the names have been changed, and some of the dates and events have been altered, but this deeply moving story set in Louisiana at the turn of the century is firmly rooted in events that actually happened, and lives that were lived.

What further sets this book apart from other historic novels is that it will touch the hearts of millions of women who are advocates for abused and debased mothers of young children.

Bernard, a New Orleans businesswoman, fought an incredible battle to get this book into print. With a promotion budget that is practically nil, and armed with only strong

tenacity and persistence, this wife and mother of four children launched *Burning Roses* the first week of April in New Orleans and then began her national book tour on board the steamboat "The Mississippi Queen."

Bernard will begin a 32-city tour of the eastern southern states on June 3 after her daughter's wedding.

Bernard said she is beginning to get a lot of feedback from women who have read the book.

"Haunting! I can't get it out of my mind," said one woman who read *Burning Roses* on the riverboat. "After I got past the first three chapters, I could not put it down. I dreamed about it," said another. "I loved it. When is the sequel coming out?" she's been asked by more than a dozen women who have read the book.

Her answer is, "As soon as I return from my southern tour I will begin rewrites and the editing process. The sequel is scheduled for release in the spring of 1998."

Wilcox honored

The winning entry for American Legion Auxiliary Unit 77 in the National President's Scholarship for 1995-96 was submitted by Amanda D. Wilcox.



Amanda Wilcox

Two scholarships will be awarded in each of the five divisions of the American Legion Auxiliary; one in the amount of \$2,000 and one for \$1,000.

Wilcox is the daughter of James D. and Dorothy L. Wilcox of Waveland. She will graduate with highest honors from Bay High School in May and plans to attend Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Okla.

She has achieved an outstanding academic record at Bay High School, having received many awards recognizing her leadership and intellectual abilities.

Wilcox has been actively involved in community activities where she contributed several hundred hours of community service. She was selected as a Distinguished Citizen for the City of Waveland.

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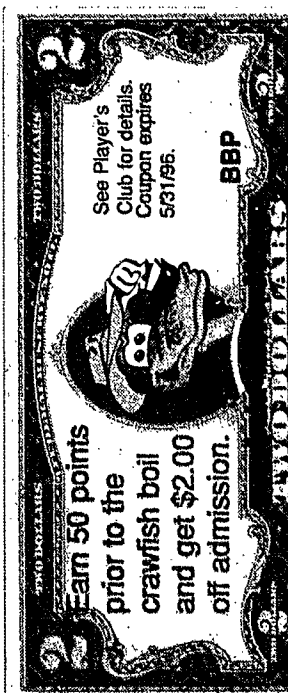
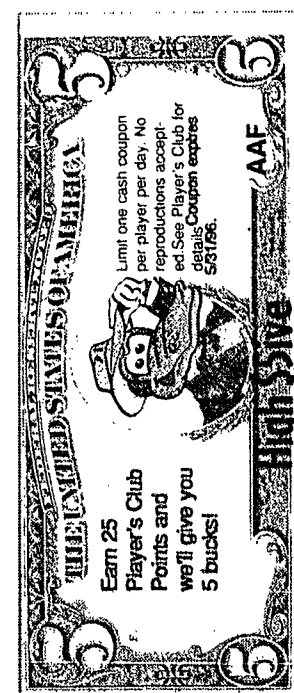
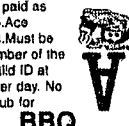
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